ANNUAL REPORT

ON THE

POLICE OF THE TOWN AND ISLAND OF BOMBAY, FOR 1897.

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From

THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE,
Bombay;

To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
Judicial Department,
Bombay.

Police Commissioner's Office,
Bombay, 30th April 1898.

SIR,

I have the honour to submit herewith the Annual Police Report for the Town and Island of Bombay for the year 1897.

2. In conformity with the instructions contained in Government Resolution, Judicial Department, No. 1075, dated 14th July 1886, I forwarded the Report to the Chief Presidency Magistrate, and beg to attach hereto, for the information of Government, a copy of letter No. 815, dated 30th April 1898, from that officer.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,
R. H. VINCENT,
Commissioner of Police.

No. 815 of 1898.

From

J. SANDERS-SLATER, ESQUIRE,
Chief Presidency Magistrate
and Revenue Judge;

To

THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE,
Bombay.

Chief Presidency Magistrate's Court,
Bombay, 30th April 1898.

SIR,

In returning herewith, with thanks, your Police Report for the year 1897, I have the honour to point out that the 112 cases referred to in paragraph 11 do not include all offences against the Railway Laws brought before the Presidency Magistrates' Courts, but only those cases instituted on complaint by Railway or other officials excluding the Police.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,
(Signed) J. SANDERS-SLATER,
Chief Presidency Magistrate.

(True Copy)
R. H. VINCENT,
Commissioner of Police.

No. $\frac{2120}{2}$ OF 1898.

From

R. H. VINCENT, ESQUIRE, C.I.E.,
Commissioner of Police,
Bombay;

To

S. W. EDGERLEY, ESQUIRE, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to Government,
Judicial Department,
Bombay.

Police Commissioner's Office,
Bombay, 30th April 1898.

SIR,

I have the honour to submit herewith the Annual Report on the working of the Bombay City Police for the year 1897.

2. I was in charge of the office of the Commissioner of Police, Bombay, from 1st January to 6th August 1897, when I proceeded to Europe on leave on private affairs for six months. During my absence, Mr. Gell acted for me and Mr. Crummy, Senior Superintendent of Police, performed the duties of the Deputy Commissioner of Police.

3. In accordance with the instructions contained in Government Resolution No. 8720 of the 16th December 1896 in the Judicial Department the following statements are appended :—

Statement A-I and A-II (as furnished by the Chief Presidency Magistrate), A-III and A-IV; Statements B-I and B-II (as furnished by the Chief Presidency Magistrate); Statements C, D, E, F, and G;

and the undermentioned extra local ones :—

1. Coroner's inquests, and
2. Supplementary Statement No. I as furnished by the District Superintendents of Police.

OFFENCES.

(*a*).—*Cognizable Cases.*

4. During the year under report 24,885 cognizable offences were reported—4,346 to the Magistrates and 20,539 to the Police, showing a decrease of 15,578 as compared with the total of 1896 and of 13,456 as compared with the average of the previous three years.

5. The subjoined statement shows under what classes the increase and decrease fall :—

Class.	INCREASE OVER		DECREASE FROM	
	Previous triennial period.	1896.	Previous triennial period.	1896.
I	...	...	4	9
II	5	16	...	...
III	117	45	...	...
IV	...	...	20	36
V	100	...	...	222
VI	12	112	...	...
Miscellaneous ...	...	...	13,666	15,484

6. *Class I.*—In Class I there is a decrease of 9 cases which is chiefly noticeable under offences "Relating to coin" and "Rioting or unlawful assembly."

7. *Class II.*—Class II shows an increase of 16 cases: 10 fall under "Grievous Hurt" and 16 under "Hurt by dangerous weapon." Against these there are decreases as under:—

Administering stupefying drugs	...	...	... 9
Kidnapping or abduction	...	...	... 5

As regards these, a gang of malefactors was broken up in 1895-96 and this, no doubt, checked this sort of crime.

8. *Class III.*—Class III shows an increase of 45 cases over 1896 and of 117 over the average of the previous 3 years. I attribute this increase, which falls entirely under Serial Nos. 36 and 37 (Lurking house-trespass, &c.), to the same cause which I mentioned in paragraph 8 (*a*) of my Annual Report for 1896, —to wit, that a number of people fled from the city on account of the Plague, and left their houses unprotected for many months during the year under report.

9. *Class IV.*—In Class IV the number of offences has fallen from 62 in 1896 to 26 in 1897, the past 5 years' average being 41.

10. *Class V.*—In Class V there is a total decrease of 222 cases amongst 3 of the offences of that class. In "Thefts" there is no change. The decrease in the other offences is probably due to people not preferring complaints in minor cases as readily during the Plague as they would have done in ordinary times.

11. *Class VI.*—The increase of 112 cases under Class VI is chiefly due to the inclusion of all offences against "Railway Laws" in the Chief Presidency Magistrate's statement embodied with this Report, while of late years these offences were shown in the Crime Returns of the Railway Police.

12. Under *Miscellaneous* offences there has been an enormous decrease, namely, under—

1. Public Land Conveyance Act	...	...	...	3,608
2. Police Acts ...	...	...	...	6,767
3. Drunkenness	...	...	...	1,824
4. Prevention of cruelty to animals	...	...	...	3,009

13. As regards the first, the far smaller number of licensed public conveyances during the year accounts to some extent for the diminution, and this holds good in respect of cases under No. 4.

14. With reference to No. 2, I am compelled to state that the Police were too much harassed with Plague duties and had, therefore, to leave a great deal of their legitimate work undone.

15. The decrease under drunkenness may be partly ascribed to the absence from Bombay of a great number of persons addicted to drink, and also to the prevalence of the epidemic.

16. Separating serious crime (Classes I to V) from minor crime (Class VI and Miscellaneous), the comparative figures stand as under:—

Total serious crime in 1897	...	...	...	4,060
Do. do. 1896	...	...	...	4,266
Do. do. previous 5 years' average	...	...	...	3,836
Total minor crime in 1897 ...	...	...	...	20,825
Do. do. 1896 ...	...	...	...	36,197
Do. do. previous 5 years' average	...	...	...	22,310

17. I cannot undertake to say that the above figures are gratifying for reasons already partly advanced in previous paragraphs, and I fear that the statistics for the year are not as reliable as in former years, through no fault of the Police, however.

Persons.

18. In connection with the 24,885 cognizable offences reported in 1897, 28,889 persons were dealt with; of these—

24,620 were arrested by the Police,
4,259 appeared in consequence of magisterial process, and
20 belonged to the previous year.

19. The following statement gives the comparative figures for the previous triennial period and for 1896 and 1897 with regard to persons :—

	By Police.	By Magistrate.
Previous triennial period	36,072	7,126
1896	36,876	7,390
1897	24,620	4,259

20. With the diminution in cases there was, of course, a corresponding diminution in persons, and this is all that needs to be said on this subject.

Result of Proceedings.

(*Vide* Supplementary Statement No. 1.)

A.—Real Cases.

(Including pending cases of 1896 and excluding those of 1897.)

1897.

(*a*).—*Police Cases.*

21. Out of 20,473 cases 18,311 ended in conviction, giving a percentage of 89·35. The corresponding figures for 1896 were :—

32,546 cases and
30,260 convictions, equal to a percentage of 93·12.

22. Dividing them into classes, the following percentages of convictions were obtained :—

Classes.	1896.	1897.
Class I	85·70	75·00
„ II	71·98	75·08
„ III	83·50	36·56
„ IV	75·00	64·70
„ V	68·40	65·37
Total, Classes I to V ...	65·29	62·82
Class VI	95·35	94·69
Miscellaneous	96·64	95·40
Total, Class VI and Miscellaneous ...	96·63	95·40
Grand Total ...	92·97	89·35

(*b*).—*Magisterial Cases.*

23. There were in all 4,346 cases; of these 3,861 ended in conviction, giving a percentage of 88·84. For 1896 the percentage of convictions was 89·61.

B.—Persons.

(Including those pending from 1896 and excluding those pending at the end of 1897.)

1897.

(*a*).—*Arrested by Police.*

24. Out of 23,705 arrested (which also excludes those who did not respond to their recognisances and could not be found, &c.,) 22,977 were convicted, giving a percentage of 96·90. For the year 1896 the percentage of convictions was 97·39.

Dividing them into classes the following is the result in detail :—

Classes.	1896.	1897.
Class I	94·23	69·56
„ II	79·33	83·52
„ III	76·01	77·73
„ IV	78·26	84·21
„ V	91·30	92·32
Total, Classes I to V ...	89·28	89·89
Class VI	94·28	94·24
Miscellaneous	98·26	95·02
Total, Classes VI and Miscellaneous ...	98·47	97·90
Grand Total ...	97·39	96·90

(*b*).—*Magisterial.*

25. Process was issued against 4,269 persons; out of these 3,973 or 93·06 per cent. were convicted. The percentage for 1896 stood at 95·5.

26. I also submit, as usual, a separate statement showing in detail the results obtained in real Penal Code Police cases and persons concerned therein :—

Real Penal Code Cases.	1896.	Average of 3 years.	1897.
Investigated	3,795	3,411	3,750
Brought to trial	2,659	2,564	2,613
Convicted	2,478	2,021	2,356
Acquitted	181	210	257
Not sent for trial	1,136	847	1,137
Percentages.			
Brought to trial to disposed of ...	70·06	75·16	69·68
Convicted to sent for trial ...	93·19	78·82	90·17
Convicted to disposed of	65·29	59·24	62·82
Not sent for trial to disposed of ...	29·93	24·83	30·32

Persons in real Penal Code Cases.	1896.	Average of 3 years.	1897.
Arrested by Police	3,224	3,155	3,155
Disposed of by trial	3,109	3,034	2,983
Convicted	2,777	2,656	2,682
Acquitted or discharged	* 332	378	289
*Released without trial	...	...	...
Percentages.			
Convicted to arrested	86·13	84·18	84·84
Convicted to tried	89·32	85·13	90·23
Acquitted or discharged to tried ...	10·67	12·45	9·75
*Released without trial to arrests ...	...	...	...

* In Bombay all persons arrested by the Police are sent before the Magistrate: hence no entries against these headings.

Property—Stolen and Recovered.

27. During the year 1897 the total value of property alleged to have been stolen amounted to Rs. 2,97,470; out of which 1,27,185 was recovered, giving a percentage of 42·75.

28. The quinquennial average shows the following results:—

	Rs.
Stolen	3,20,901
Recovered	1,60,489
Percentage	50·00

29. The figures for 1896 were:—

	Rs.
Stolen	3,52,596
Recovered	1,52,610
Percentage	43·28

30. I hope that taking into consideration the enormous difficulties the Police had to contend with during the year under review, the percentages of convictions and recoveries will be held to be satisfactory.

Special Remarks regarding Serious Crime.

Murder and Attempt at Murder.

31. Out of the 9 cases of murder and attempt at murder which occurred in 1897—

2 were due to motive of gain,
5 were due to revenge,
1 was due to domestic intrigue, and in
1 case the motive could not be ascertained, as it was a case transferred to Bara Banki.

32. Of these 9 cases none call for any special notice, except one which is known as the double murder at Wálkeshwar. The facts of the case are briefly as under:—

On the 4th of April 1897 the dead bodies of a Bháttia and his sister were found lying in two separate rooms in the upper story of a house near the Wálkeshwar temple, and from enquiries made it was ascertained that a large amount of valuable property, chiefly consisting of gold ornaments and jewellery, had been stolen. After a very protracted investigation, six persons were arrested, convicted and sentenced—one to transportation for life and the remaining five to death; the execution took place on the 12th of August 1897.

Suicides.

33. I subjoin the usual statement compiled by the Coroner and from the records of this office:—

Offence.	Europeans.		Eurasians.		Jews.		Native Christians.		Mahomedans.		Parsis.		Hindus.		Total.	
	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.
Suicides ...	3	1	...	...	...	...	2	...	8	4	5	1	26	21	54	30

34. The Coroner held 415 inquests during the year under report and has classified them as under:—

(*a*) Homicides	9
(*b*) Deaths caused by voluntarily causing grievous hurt ...	1
(*c*) Suicides	84
(*d*) Accidental deaths	230
(*e*) Deaths from natural causes	61
(*f*) Deaths from unknown causes	29
and	
(*g*) Still-born...	1
Total ...	415

(*B*).—Non-Cognizable Crime.

35. There were in all 7,523 cases, of which 1,737 were under the Penal Code and the remaining 5,786 under special and local laws.

36. In connection with these cases 8,692 persons appeared before the Courts; of which

2,241 or 25·78 per cent. were convicted,
837 or 9·62 „ „ acquitted,
5,601 or 64·43 „ „ discharged,
3 died and
10 were pending their trial at the close of the year.

Caste of Offenders.

37. The following statement shows the different castes to which the 37,571 offenders in both cognizable and non-cognizable cases belonged:—

	Caste.														
	European.		Portuguese.		Hindu.		Mahomedan.		Pársi.		Others.		Total.		Grand Total.
	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	
Cognizable	270	7	842	36	16,684	1,743	8,636	302	344	2	100	3	26,776	2,103	28,879
Non-cognizable...	72	7	246	22	4,284	400	2,869	126	526	55	76	...	8,073	619	8,692
Total ...	342	14	1,089	58	20,968	2,143	11,505	427	870	57	176	3	34,799	2,722	37,571

Arms Act.

38. I subjoin the usual statements regarding import, export, transport, &c., of arms, ammunition and other articles. These do not call for any explanation:—

STATEMENT.

Received into

	Air Guns.	Rifles.	Carbines.	Guns.	Pistols and Revolvers.	Swords.	Daggers.	Sword-bayonets and Scabbard.	Bayonets.	Cartridges. Loaded.	Cartridges. Empty.	Percussion Caps.
1897.												
By Import, including transhipment...	40	450	56	242	717	*185	4	...	4	†1,092,037	905,150	‡22,102,800
By Transport	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	40	450	56	242	717	185	4	...	4	1,092,037	905,150	22,102,800
1896 ...	33	417	29	256	550	172	12	...	...	555,812	1,625,587	29,904,500
Increase	7	...	27	...	167	13	...	...	4	536,225	.....	.....
Decrease	...	361	...	14	...	...	8	...	...	.....	720,437	7,701,700

* Including 15 sword-blades.
† Do. 5,000 air gun cartridges.
‡ Do. 58,800 bulleted caps.

	Amorce. Tons.	Cwts.	Qrs.	Lbs.	Gross.	Other Fireworks. Gross.	Dozens.	No.	Bundle.	Bengal Lights. Gross.	Dozens.	No.	Fog Signals. Gross.	Dozens.	No.
1897.															
By Import, including transhipment ...	2	2	...	24	7,100	3,325	214½	...	...	18,841	8	...	5,028	10	4
By Transport	...	...	...	...	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	2	2	...	24	7,100	3,325	214½	...	...	18,841	8	...	5,028	10	4
1896 ...	1	3	1	...	82,800	1,076	2	...	...	24,772	5	6	420	1	2
Increase	...	18	3	24	.....	2,449	212½	...	...	...	...	...	4,608	9	2
Decrease	...	...	...	...	75,700	...	...	...	...	5,930	9	6	...	...	...

Sent out

	Air Guns.	Rifles.	Carbines.	Guns.	Pistols and Revolvers.	Swords.	Sword-bayonets and Scabbard.	Bayonets.	Daggers.	Cutlasses.	Muskets.	Cartridges. Loaded.	Cartridges. Empty.	Percussion Caps.	Gunpowder. Tons.	Cwts.	Qrs.	Lbs.	Blasting Powder. Tons.	Cwts.	Qrs.	Lbs.	Sulphur. Tons.	Cwts.	Qrs.	Lbs.
1897.																										
By Export ...	2	25	...	3	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	27,350	1,500	2,262,250	7	12	...	16	1	16	3	10	100	16	3	18
By Transport ...	1	71	12	26	13	*93	...	...	3	...	...	151,912	207,633	115,862,457	17	8	2	25½	6	5	3	...	359	6	3	26½
By transhipment	...	12	14	...	57	†28	...	4	1	...	...	1,937	90,000	800,000	2	10	...	25	...	...	...	...	826	7	2	1
Total ...	3	108	26	29	80	121	87	...	4	4	...	...	179,199	298,133	2,062,250	19,914,707	27	11	...	10½	8	2	2	10	1292	11	1	17½
1896 ...	8	115	12	60	42	3	...	279	...	...	...	178,263	430,256	25,000,745	25	10	3	19	12	13	1	13	1609	15	...	23
Increase	...	...	14	...	2,290	81	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	.....	2	...	...	9½	...	...	...	...	282	16	...	21½
Decrease ...	5	17	...	...	...	...	...	196	...	...	...	2,074	130,624	6,862,038	...	...	...	...	4	12	2	3	...	...	...	...

* Includes 21 sword-sticks.
† Do. 10 sword-blades.
‡ Do. 7,000 bulleted caps.

Bombay.

Gunpowder.				Blasting Powder.				Sulphur.				Crackers.				Dynamite.			
Tons.	Cwts.	Qrs.	Lbs.	Tons.	Cwts.	Qrs.	Lbs.	Tons.	Cwts.	Qrs.	Lbs.	Tons.	Cwts.	Qrs.	Lbs.	Tons.	Cwts.	Qrs.	Lbs.
35	12	2	...	29	...	1	12	1,436	5	2	6	6,518	19	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
35	12	2	...	29	...	1	12	1,436	5	2	6	6,516	19	...	...	...	...	...	...
35	9	...	7½	24	11	...	9½	1,082	15	3	3	1,017	14	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	3	1	20½	4	9	1	2½	350	9	3	3	5,499	5	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

Shot.				Fuse Coils.	Blasting Gelatine.	Detonators.	Copper Tubes.	Primers and Anvils.	Anvils.	Express Bullets.	Primers.	Concentrators.	Tubes for Express Bullets.	Air Gun Springs.	Air Gun Slugs.				
Tons.	Cwts.	Qrs.	Lbs.												Tons.	Cwts.	Qrs.	Lbs.	Nos.
124	16	...	26	462,600	...	...	...	30,000	10,000	118,700 and 5 cwts.	41,000	...	...	66	...	...	...	...	171,000
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
124	16	...	26	462,600	...	...	...	30,000	10,000	118,700 and 5 cwts.	41,000	...	...	66	...	...	...	...	171,000
243	10	2	...	226,500	...	...	19,000	167,250	35,000	156,200	40,000	...	...	43	...	...	...	...	200,000
...	...	...	...	226,100	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,000	...	...	23	...	...	...	...	...
118	14	1	2	...	...	...	30,000	137,250	25,000	37,500	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29,000

of Bombay.

Crackers.				Shot.			Other Fire-works.		Amorces.				Dynamite.			Gelatine.			Detonators.	Fuse Coils.	Anvils.	Copper Tubes.	Bengal Lights.	Express Bullets.	Fog Signals.	Primers.	Canteen Rails.	Gun Barrels.
Tons.	Cwts.	Qrs.	Lbs.	Tons.	Cwts.	Qrs.	Cwts.	Gross.	Tons.	Cwts.	Qrs.	Lbs.	Gross.	Tons.	Cwts.	Qrs.	Lbs.	Cwts.	Qrs.	Lbs.									
...	...	...	...	9	18	1	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	20	32 Boxes	4,727	1,500	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	8	13	2	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	11	...	5	1	12	162,600	914,800	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	7	4	2	20	...	...	...	2	2	...	24	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	25	16	3	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	10	...	7	2	10	162,600 and 32 Boxes	919,527	1,500	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	27	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	3	1	...	80,000	10	9	1	14	4	11	2	2	105,200	131,511	500	502	...	3,500	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18	3	24	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	57,400 and 24 Boxes	768,100	1,000	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	1	3	...	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	80,000	1	18	1	14	4	3	3	20	...	...	...	502	...	3,500	...	...	...

39. The following statement shows the number of licenses and permits issued by this office :—

Serial No.		1896.	1897.	Increase.	Decrease.
1	Permits to exempted persons	2,299	2,544	245	...
2	Permits to public servants	65	95	30	...
3	Possession licenses	573	639	66	...
4	Journey licenses	40	25	...	15
5	Dealers' licenses	44	43	...	1
6	Transhipment licenses	90	72	...	18
7	Export licenses to exempted persons in Native States	1,204	1,184	...	20
8	Export and transport, including other licenses registered in this office	719	852	133	...
9	Import licenses	385	361	...	24
10	Permits for withdrawal of ammunition from Sewri Magazine	527	348	...	179
11	Petroleum licenses	...	322	322	...
12	Licenses under Explosives Act	...	147	147	...
	Total ...	5,946	6,632	943	257

40. The following table shows to what sections of the community the license-holders belong :—

Nationality.	Number of Licenses.	Fire-arms.				Other Arms.				
		Rifles.	Fowling-pieces.	Revolvers.	Pistols.	Air Guns.	Swords.	Swords-sticks.	Daggers.	Pattas.
Hindus...	266	35	212	56	20	6	100	15	4	4
Mahomedans	116	18	84	17	3	4	22	2	6	...
Pársis	144	35	87	66	3	6	23	9	15	...
Portuguese	110	3	113	3	...	1	...	...	...	...
Jews	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
Japanese	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
Total ...	639	91	497	142	26	17	132	27	25	4

Explosives Act.

41. In accordance with Government Notification No. 5579, dated 26th July last, 147 licenses, as mentioned below, for the manufacture, possession and sale, were issued by this office :—

(*a*)	Manufacture, possession and sale	8
(*b*)	Possession and sale	138
(*c*)	Possession	1
	Total...	147

Pilgrims.

42. During the year 1897 passports were granted to 1,476 persons, which shows a decrease of 10,118 over 1896 ; of those obtaining passports,—

1,236 were British subjects,

125 subjects of Native States,

105 were foreigners from Central Asia, and

10 pilgrims passed through Bombay with passports from Civil and Political Officers outside of Bombay.

In consequence of the prevalence of the Plague in the city, pilgrims were not allowed to embark at Bombay after the 1st of February 1897 (*vide*

Government Resolution, General Department, No. 361 of 21st January 1897), and 909 pilgrims who had come to Bombay from parts of Asia were sent back to their respective homes.

FIRES.

43. During the year under review, 111 fires occurred, causing a loss of property estimated at Rs. 9,75,636.

STREET ACCIDENTS.

44. During the year under review, 363 persons were injured and 19 were killed by being run over—two by tram cars and 17 by other conveyances, showing a decrease of 147 in the number injured and 8 in that of killed. The smaller number of conveyances plying in the streets spoken of in paragraph 45 accounts for this decrease.

CONVEYANCES.

45. The number of public and private conveyances at the close of the year under report was as under :—

Public conveyances	6,426
Private do.	4,730
Total...	11,156

showing a decrease of 1,484 under public and 438 under private conveyances.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE FORCE.

(*a*).—*Strength.*

46. The strength of the Force remained the same as in 1896.

(*b*).—*Education.*

47. One hundred and seventy-one officers (European and Native) and 578 men (Native) are able to read and write.

(*c*).—*Casualties.*

48. Two hundred and forty-four officers and men left the Force during the year; of these

82 died (including Mr. Superintendent Briscoe and Inspector Robinson).
74 were pensioned,
1 received gratuity,
55 resigned,
29 were dismissed and
3 obtained their discharges.

49. During the year the death-roll has been unusually heavy, it having risen from 34 in 1895 and 50 in 1896 to 82 in the year under review. Similarly the number of men in hospital increased from 2,673 in 1895 and 2,953 in 1896 to 3,080 in 1897.

50. Of the 82 deaths, 52 were due to plague, and as 53 only recovered out of 103 attacks it shows how virulent the pestilence was. Besides the regular Police the Plague had also numerous victims amongst the Extra Police (Rámosis), and as for many months suitable recruits could not be had, the difficulty of maintaining the efficiency of the Force was greatly enhanced.

51. The calls from the Municipality, the Plague Committee and others for Police assistance became more numerous as the Plague increased, and I hope that the behaviour of the Force, and the work done by it under most trying circumstances, will be considered satisfactory by Government.

Rewards.

52. Ninety-seven officers and men were specially rewarded by promotion, and 70 received pecuniary rewards for special good work done by them.

Punishments.

53. Four officers and 671 men were departmentally punished and 7 men were judicially punished by Magistrates.

Anthropometry.

54. During the year under review, 1,262 criminals were measured in Bombay under the Bertillon system, and 280 criminals identified as having been previously convicted.

55. The several Anthropometrical Bureaus in the Presidency sent 6,844 measurement cards to this office for record.

56. The subjoined comparative table gives the result of the working of the system :—

	Criminals.		
	Measured in Bombay.	Identified in Bombay.	Whose cards were received from the Mofussil.
1896	1,929	116	4,225
1897	1,262	280	6,844

57. I have again much pleasure in stating that the relations between the Magistracy and the Police were most satisfactory.

58. I must also bring again to notice the very valuable assistance I have, at all times, received from Mr. H. G. Gell, the Deputy Commissioner of Police.

59. As regards the officers of the force, I would specially mention for their great zeal in the discharge of their very onerous duties :—

Mr. Superintendent Crummy,
" " Brewin,
Sirdár Mir Abdul Ali, Khán Bahádur,
Mr. Superintendent Sweeney,
" " McDermott,
" " Ingram,
" " Grennan,
" " Nolan.

60. Mr. H. Brewin was under the orders of Government on special duty in connection with the murder of Messrs. Rand and Ayerst in Poona and his work in that case will doubtlessly have been separately brought under the notice of Government by the officer to whom his services were lent.

61. Mr. Superintendent Sweeney retired on pension after 30 years of good and faithful service.

62. The undermentioned Inspectors also worked most loyally and with great energy :—

Mr. Hack (now Superintendent),
" Holdway,
" Sheehy (Commandant of the Mounted Police),
" Sloane,
Khán Sáheb Roshan Ali,
" " Sheikh Ibrahim,
" " Sultan Ali, and
Ráo Sáheb Tatia Lakshuman.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,
R. H. VINCENT,
Commissioner of Police.

STATEMENT A.

STATEMENT A

RETURN OF COGNIZABLE CRIME FOR THE YEAR 1897.

PART I.—*Return of Cases instituted by complaint to a Magistrate or by a Magistrate suo motu in the year 1897.*

Serial Number.	Law under which punishable.	Offence.	Number remaining for disposal from previous year.	Number of complaints and cases instituted suo motu by a Magistrate.	Number of complaints dismissed after examining the complainant (Section 203, Criminal Procedure Code).	Number of cases referred for investigation to the Police.	Number otherwise investigated before issue of process.	Number dismissed after investigation under Section 209, Criminal Procedure Code.	Number of cases under investigation at the end of the year.	Number remaining for trial.	Number declared by a Court after trial never to have occurred or to be mistaken of law or fact.	Number in which the Court held that a non-cognizable offence only was committed.	NUMBER OF COGNIZABLE OFFENCES COMMITTED THAT WERE TRIED.				Number of cognizable offences that were under investigation or trial at close of the year.	REMARKS.
													Net referred to the Police for investigation.		Referred to the Police for investigation.		Percentage of convictions to total of Columns 15 and 16.	
													Ending in discharge or acquittal.	Ending in convictions.	Ending in discharge or acquittal.	Ending in convictions.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
1	115	Abetment of offence not committed, &c.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
	117	Abetting commission of offence by public, &c.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
	118, 119	Concealing design to commit offence, &c.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
		Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
		CLASS I.—*Offences against the State, Public Tranquillity, Safety and Justice.*																
2	31 to 36, 38	Offences relating to Army and Navy	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
3	231 to 263, 467 and 477.	Offences relating to coin, stamps and Government notes	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
4	212 to 216	Harbouring an offender	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
5	224 to 226	Other offences against public justice	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
6	143 to 153, 157, 158	Rioting or unlawful assembly ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
7	140, 170, 171 ...	Personating public servant or soldier.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
		Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
		CLASS II.—*Serious Offences against the Person.*																
8	302, 303, 396 ...	Murder ... by thugs	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
9		,, dacoits	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
10		,, robbers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
11		,, poison	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
12		Other murders	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
13	307	Attempts at murder	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
14	304, 308	Culpable homicide	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
15	376	Rape	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
16	377	Unnatural offences	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
17	317, 318	Exposure of infants or concealment of birth	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
18	305, 306, 309 ...	Attempt at, and abetment of, suicide	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
19	329, 331, 333 ...	Grievous hurt for the purpose of extorting property or confession or deterring public servant	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	

20	326, 326, 335	Grievous hurt	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
21	328	Administering stupefying drugs to cause hurt	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
22	327, 330, 332 ...	Hurt for purpose of extorting property or confession or deterring public servant	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
23	324	Hurt by dangerous weapon ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
24	363 to 369	Kidnapping or abduction	...	a13	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	6	...	...	...	a4 struck out for want of appearance of complainants and accused.
25	346 to 348	Wrongful confinement and restraint in secret or for purpose of extortion	...	b5	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	b4 Do. do.
26	372, 373	Selling, letting, or unlawful obtaining a minor for prostitution ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
27	371	Habitually dealing in slaves ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
28	353, 354, 356, 357 ...	Criminal force to public servant or woman, or an attempt to commit theft, or wrongfully confine ...	...	c7	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	1	...	...	...	c3 Do. do.
29	304A, 338	Rash or negligent act causing death or grievous hurt	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
		Total ...	...	25	...	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	3	8	...	...	...	
	CLASS III.—*Serious Offences against Person and Property, or against Property only.*																		
30	95, 397, 398	Dacoity	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
31	399, 402	Preparation and assembly for dacoity	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
32	394, 397, 398 ...	Robbery with { by poisonous or stupefying drugs ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
		{ by other means ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
33	392, 393	Robbery, { in dwelling house ... on the highway between sunset and sunrise ... other robberies ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
			...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	
34	370, 281, 282, 430 to 433, 435 to 440.	Serious mischief and cognate offences	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
35	428, 429	Mischief by killing, poisoning, or maiming any animal ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
36	454, 455, 457 to 460.	Lurking house-trespass or house-breaking with intent to commit an offence, or having made preparation for hurt	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
37	449 to 452	House-trespass with view to commit an offence, or having made preparation for hurt	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
38	412, 413	Receiving stolen property by dacoity or habitually	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
39	311, 400, 401 ...	Belonging to gangs of thugs, dacoits, robbers, and thieves ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
		Total ...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	
	CLASS IV.—*Minor Offences against the Person.*																		
40	341 to 344	Wrongful restraint and confinement	1	8	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	7	2	...	...	...	...	
41	336, 337	Rash act causing hurt or endangering life	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	
42	374	Compulsory labour	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
		Total ...	1	9	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	7	3	...	...	...	...	

STATEMENT A—*continued.*

Serial number.	Law under which punishable.	Offence.	Number remaining for disposal from previous year.	Number of complaints and cases instituted as under by a Magistrate.	Number of complaints dismissed after examining the complainant Section 203, Criminal Procedure Code.	Number of cases referred for investigation to the Police.	Number otherwise investigated before issue of process.	Number dismissed after investigation under Section 203, Criminal Procedure Code.	Number of cases and investigation at the end of the year.	Number remaining for trial.	Number declared by a Court after trial never to have occurred or to be mistaken as law or fact.	Number in which the Court held that a non-cognizable offence only was committed.	Number of cognizable offences committed that were found.				Number of complainants or offences that were under investigation or trial at close of the year.	Remarks.
													Not referred to the Police for investigation.		Referred to the Police for investigation.			
													Ending in discharge or acquittal.	Ending in conviction.	Ending in discharge or acquittal.	Ending in conviction.	Percentage of convictions to local of Columns 15 and 16.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
		CLASS V.—*Minor offences against property.*																
43	453, 456	Lurking house-trespass or house-breaking	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
44	379 to 382	Theft ... { of cattle ... ... / ordinary	...	... / *d* 48	...	... / 23	...	...	...	...	...	...	... / 21	... / ...	... / 21	... / 1	... / 4·54	... / ...	*d* 4 struck out for want of appearance of complainants and accused.
45	406 to 408	Criminal breach of trust	2	*e* 120	...	13	...	...	...	2	...	...	42	16	13	...	...	2	*e* 82 were struck out for want of appearance and 2 case, in one of which a person was arrested under warrant and transferred to the District Magistrate of Ratnagiri for trial and in the other the accused was convicted at the Sessions, are included.
46	411, 414	Receiving stolen property	...	*f* 54	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	13	11	2	...	...	...	
47	447, 448	Criminal or house-trespass	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
48	461, 462	Breaking closed receptacle... ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
		Total ...	2	205	...	37	...	...	2	...	...	...	79	27	36	1	2·7	2	
		CLASS VI.—*Other offences not specified above.*																	
49	295 to 297	Offence against religion	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	
50	Chapter VIII (B), C. P. C., and Act IX of 1874.	Vagrancy and bad character ...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	*f* 26 struck out for want of appearance of complainants and accused.
51		Offence against Gambling Act ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	36	...	...	...	...	
52		——————Bombay Abkari Act ...	...	36	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	17	...	...	...	...	
53		——————Opium Act	...	20	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	25	23	...	...	...	...	
54	Cognizable offences under the Act specified.	——————Railway Laws	...	*g* 157	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	*g* 13 struck out for want of appearance of complainants and accused.
55		——————Salt and Custom laws ...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
56		——————Arms Act	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
57		——————Stamp Act	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
58		——————Forest Act	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
59	269, 277, 279, 280, 285, 286, 290, 291 to 294 Section 34 of Act V of 1861, and any other municipal or local laws.	Public and local nuisances... ...	...	8	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	4	2	...	...	...	
		Total ...	...	207	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	31	125	2	...	...	...	
60	Other special and local laws cognizable by Police. (Detail.)	Offences against Stage Carriage Act ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
	Act XIII of 1856 and XLVIII of 1860	Police Acts	...	*h* 221	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	21	181	...	...	...	...	*h* 19 struck out for want of appearance of complainants and accused.
	Act I of 1859 ...	Merchant Seamen's Amendment Act	...	*i* 14	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	...	...	...	...	*i* 2 do. do.
	Act VI of 1863 ...	Conveyance Act	...	*j* 32	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	10	5	...	...	...	*j* 12 do. do.
	Act I of 1874 ...	Tramway Act	...	*k* 4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	*k* 3 do. do.
	Act X of 1887 ...	Native Passengers Ships Act ...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	*l* 302 do. do.
	Act XI of 1890 ...	Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act	...	*l* 3,603	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	37	3,463	...	...	...	...	
	Act of 1894 (Victoria 57 and 58).	Merchant Shipping Act	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	
		Total ...	...	3,881	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	65	3,672	5	...	...	...	
		GRAND TOTAL ...	3	4,346	...	52	...	...	...	3	...	...	186	3,860	51	1	1·22	2	

Bombay, Chief Presidency Magistrate's Court,
11th March 1898.

J. SANDERS SLATER,
Chief Presidency Magistrate and Revenue Judge.

STATEMENT A—*continued.*

(RETURN OF COGNIZABLE CRIME FOR THE YEAR 1897.)

PART II.—*Return of persons concerned in cases instituted by complaint to a Magistrate or by a Magistrate* suo motu.

Serial Number.	Law under which punishable.	Offence.	Number of persons against whom proceedings were instituted.		Number of persons		Number of persons appearing before Court neither personally or by Pleader.	Number remanded in cases pending at beginning of year.	Total before Courts.	Number discharged or acquitted.	Number convicted (including those ordered to give security for good behaviour).	Percentage of number convicted on total of Columns XI and XII.	Number under trial at close of the year.	REMARKS.
			Warrant.	Summons.	Against whom warrant issued, but could not be executed.	Regarding service of summons, the Magistrate is not satisfied, and whose attendance was not eventually obtained.								
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
1	115...	Abetment of offence not committed, &c.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
	117...	Abetting commission of offence by public, &c.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
	118, 119	Concealing design to commit offence, &c.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
		Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
		CLASS I.—*Offences against the State, Public Tranquillity, Safety and Justice.*												
2	132 to 136, 138 ...	Offences relating to Army and Navy	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
3	231 to 249, 467 and 471.	Offences relating to coin, stamps and Government notes.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
4	212 to 216 ...	Harbouring an offender	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
5	224 to 226 ...	Other offences against public justice	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
6	143 to 153, 157, 158.	Rioting or unlawful assembly	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
7	149, 170, 171 ...	Personating public servant or soldier ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
		Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
		CLASS II.—*Serious Offences against the Person.*												
8	302, 303, 307 ...	Murder... ... ... by thugs	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
9		,, dacoits	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
10		,, robbers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
11		,, poisons	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
12		Other murders	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
13	307	Attempts at murder	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
14	304, 308	Culpable homicide	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
15	376...	Rape...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
16	377	Unnatural offences	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
17	317, 318 ...	Exposure of infants or concealment of birth...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
18	305, 306, 309 ...	Attempt at, and abetment of, suicide... ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
19	329, 331, 333 ...	Grievous hurt for the purpose of extorting property or confession or deterring public servant.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
20	325, 326, 326 ...	Grievous hurt	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
21	328...	Administering stupefying drugs to cause hurt.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
22	327, 330, 332 ...	Hurt for purpose of extorting property or confession or deterring public servant.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
23	324	Hurt by dangerous weapon	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
24	363 to 369 ...	Kidnapping or abduction	...	17	...	7	10	...	10	9	1	10	...	
25	340 to 348 ...	Wrongful confinement and recruing in secret or for purpose or extortion.	...	5	...	4	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	
26	372, 373	Selling, letting, or unlawfully obtaining a sale or for prostitution.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
27	371...	Habitually dealing in slaves	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
28	353, 354, 356, 357	Criminal force to public servant or woman, or an attempt to commit theft or wrongfully confine.	...	7	...	3	4	...	4	2	2	50	...	
29	304 A, 338 ...	Rash or negligent act causing death or grievous hurt.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
		Total ...	...	29	...	14	15	...	15	13	3	20	...	
		CLASS III.—*Serious Offences against Person and Property, or against Property only.*												
30	95, 397, 398 ...	Dacoity	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
31	399, 402	Preparation and assembly for dacoity ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
32	394, 397, 398 ...	Robbery with hurt. by poisonous or stupefying drugs.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
		by other means	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
		in dwelling house	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
33	392, 393	Robbery ... ... on the highway between sunset and sunrise.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
		other robberies	...	3	...	...	3	...	3	3	...	...	...	
34	379, 381, 382, 403 to 405, 406 to 409.	Serious criminal breach of trust or dishonest misappropriation of property.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
35	428, 429	Mischief by killing, poisoning, or maiming any animal.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
36	454, 455, 457 to 460.	Lurking house-trespass or house-breaking with intent to commit an offence, or having made preparation for hurt.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
37	449 to 452 ...	House-trespass with view to commit an offence, or having made preparation for hurt.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
38	412, 413	Receiving stolen property by dacoity or habitually.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
39	311, 400, 401 ...	Belonging to gangs of thugs, dacoits, robbers and thieves.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
		Total ...	...	3	...	...	3	...	3	3	...	...	...	

STATEMENT A—*concluded.*

Serial Number.	Law under which punishable.	Offence.	Number of persons against whom Process issued.		Number of persons									Remarks.
			Warrant.	Summons.	Against whom warrant issued, but not executed, as they could not eventually be found.	Evading service of summons or not complying therewith, as they could not be found.	Number of persons appearing before Court (either personally or by Pleader).	Number concerned in cases pending at beginning of year.	Total before Courts.	Number discharged or acquitted.	Number convicted (under the three orders) to give security for good behaviour.	Percentage of number convicted on total of Columns XI and XII.	Number under trial at close of the year.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
		CLASS IV.—*Minor Offences against the Person.*												
40	341 to 344 ...	Wrongful restraint and confinement ...	...	8	...	...	8	3	10	8	2	20	...	
41	336, 337 ...	Rash act causing hurt or endangering life ...	...	1	...	...	1	...	1	...	1	100	...	
42	374	Compulsory labour	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
		Total ...	...	9	...	...	9	3	11	8	3	27·27	...	
		CLASS V.—*Minor Offences against Property.*												
43	403, 404	Lurking house-trespass or house-breaking ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
44	379 to 382 ...	Theft ... of cattle ... ... ordinary	3	33	...	6	70	...	56	49	1	2	...	
45	406 to 409 ...	Criminal breach of trust	35	95	...	51	(a) 79	3	82	61	18	2·78	2	(a) Excluding two persons, one of whom was convicted of the Forgeries, and the other transferred to the District Magistrate of Ratnagiri for trial.
46	411, 414	Receiving stolen property	...	1	...	...	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	
47	447, 448	Criminal or house-trespass	...	105	...	43	64	...	64	39	25	3·90	...	
48	461, 462	Breaking closed receptacle	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
		Total ...	38	234	...	99	194	3	197	150	44	22·28	3	
		CLASS VI.—*Other Offences not specified above.*												
49	290 to 297 ...	Offences against religion	...	1	...	...	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	
50	Chapter VIII (B), C. P. C., and Act IX of 1874.	Vagrancy and bad character	...	...	...	...	(b) 4	...	4	...	4	100	...	(b) Three per cent appeared before the Courts voluntarily.
51		Offences against Gambling Act	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
52		——— Bombay Abkári Act	...	1	...	...	(c) 36	...	36	...	36	100	...	(c) 36 of these were placed before the Courts by the Officers of the Abkári Department.
53	Cognizable offences under the Act specified.	——— Opium Act	...	...	...	...	(d) 22	...	22	3	20	86·95	...	(d) Placed before the Courts by the Opium Department.
54		——— Railway Laws	...	140	...	20	126	...	126	28	93	77·7	...	
55		——— Salt and Custom Laws	...	...	...	...	(e) 1	...	1	...	1	100	...	(e) Prosecuted by an Officer of the Salt Department.
56		——— Arms Act	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
57		——— Stamp Act	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
58		——— Forest Act	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
59	289, 277, 279, 290, 286, 285, 288, 289, 291 to 294, Section 34 of Act V of 1861, and any other municipal or local laws.	Public and local nuisances	...	8	...	...	8	...	8	4	4	50	...	
		Total ...	...	186	...	20	199	...	199	36	163	81·90	...	
60	Other special and local laws cognizable by Police.	Offences against Stage Carriage Act ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
		Acts XIII of 1850 and XLIII of 1860.	Police Acts	14	302	...	23	254	...	254	29	225	88·58	...	
		Act I of 1859 ...	Merchant Seaman's Amendment Act ...	...	54	...	12	(f) 57	...	57	1	56	98·24	...	(f) 18 of these persons were placed before the Court by the Captain of their ship.
		Act VI of 1863 ...	Conveyance Act	...	32	...	12	20	...	20	10	10	50	...	
		Act I of 1874 ...	Tramway Act	...	4	...	3	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	
		Act X of 1867 ...	Native Passenger Ship's Act	...	...	...	...	(g) 5	...	5	...	5	100	...	(g) These were placed before the Court by the Preventive Officers of the Custom's Department.
		Act XI of 1890 ...	Prevention of Cruelty to Animal's Act ...	...	144	...	102	(h) 3,500	...	3,500	37	3,462	98·94	...	(h) 3,450 of these were placed before the Courts by the Agents of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.
		Act of 1894 (Victoria 57 and 58.)	Merchant Shipping Act	...	2	...	...	2	...	2	1	1	50	...	
			14	494	...	152	3,939	...	3,939	79	3,760	...	...	
		GRAND TOTAL ...	52	949	...	284	4,359	...	4,364	288	3,973	93·24	3	

Bombay, Chief Presidency Magistrate's Court,
11th March 1898.

J. SANDERS SLATER,
Chief Presidency Magistrate and
Revenue Judge.

STATEMENT A.

LIBRARY OF THE BOMBAY BRANCH OF THE ROYAL ASIATIC SOCIETY

STATEMENT A.

(Return of Cognizable Crime for the year 1897.)

Part III.—*Return of Cases reported at a Police Station, or taken up by the Police, in the year 1897.*

Serial Number.	Law under which punishable.	Offence.	Cases (really) reported at a Police Station or taken up on suspicion by the Police pending inquiry from previous year.	Reported during the year. Investigated by the Police. Upon the report.	Under Magistrate's order on information laid before the Police.	Not investigated.	Total.	Percentage of Cases investigated at time on report (Column 6) to total.	Cases struck off by Station Officer otherwise than upon report.	Total of cases investigated by the Police (i.e., of Columns 4, 5, 6 and 10).	Not sent to Magistrate (accused, if any, released under Section 169, Criminal Procedure Code). In which the Magistrate ordered case to be struck off as false, mistake of fact, or no offence.	In which no such order was passed, but the case was not tried by Magistrate.	In which Magistrate sent for the accused and tried the case. Convicted.	Not convicted.	Pending at close of year.	Cases other than those in Columns 12 to 15, in which the offender was not detected or apprehended.	Cases still under investigation by the Police at the end of the year.	Cases sent before the Magistrate.	Cases pending in Court at beginning of year.	Total of Cases before the Courts.	Number ending in discharge or acquittal.	Number ending in conviction.	Percentage of cases ending in conviction to total of Columns 23 and 24.	Number declared by Court after trial never to have been committed.	Number in which the Court held after trial that non-cognizable offence only was committed.	Number still under trial at close of the year.	Remarks.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
1	115 ... ... — Abetment of offence not committed, &c. 117 ... ... — Abetting commission of offence by public, &c. 118, 119 ... — Concealing design to commit offence, &c.		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
		Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
	Class I.—*Offences against the State, Public Tranquillity, Safety, and Justice.*																										
2	131 to 136, 138	Offences relating to Army and Navy	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
3	231 to 263, 467 and 471,	Offences relating to coin, stamps, and Government notes,	...	4	...	...	4	100	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	4	1	3	3	75·00	...	...	...	
4	212 to 216	Harbouring an offender	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
5	224 to 226	Other offences against public justice ...	...	4	...	...	4	100	...	4	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	4	...	4	...	...	4	100	...	...	...	
6	143 to 145, 147, 148	Rioting or unlawful assembly	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
7	140, 170, 172	Personating public servant or soldier ...	...	11	...	...	11	100	...	11	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	1	12	4	8	8	66·66	...	...	...	
		Total ...	...	19	...	...	19	100	...	19	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	19	1	20	5	15	15	75·00	...	...	...	
	Class II.—*Serious Offences against the Person.*																										
8	302, 303, 396	Murder { by thugs ... ...

20	325, 326, 336	Grievous hurt	...	57	...	...	57	100	...	57	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	55	5	58	6	(b) 41	83·67	...	...	1	(b) In 2 cases proceedings were not taken, persons being convicted on more than three other charges; 4 cases compounded; and persons in two cases committed suicide.
21	328	Administering stupefying drugs to cause hurt.	...	4	...	...	4	100	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	
22	327, 330, 332	Hurt for purpose of extorting property or confession or deterring public servant.	...	4	...	...	4	100	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	3	...	3	1	2	66·66	...	1	...	
23	324	Hurt by dangerous weapon ...	...	159	...	...	159	100	...	1159	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	103	...	103	39	(c) 125	89·86	3	...	...	(c) Eight cases compounded and one case declared false. † In one case one person made over to Military authorities.
24	363 to 369	Kidnapping or abduction ...	...	9	...	...	9	100	...	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	...	9	3	6	66·66	...	...	...	
25	340 to 348	Wrongful confinement and restraint in secret or for purpose of extortion.	...	1	...	...	1	100	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	
26	372, 373	Selling, letting, or hiring fully obtaining a minor for prostitution.	...	2	...	...	2	100	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	2	...	2	100	...	...	...	
27	371	Habitually dealing in slaves ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
28	353, 354, 356, 357 ...	Criminal force to public servant or woman, or an attempt to commit theft or wrongfully confine.	...	13	...	...	13	100	...	13	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	...	12	2	11	84·61	1	...	...	
29	304A, 338	Rash or negligent act causing death or grievous hurt.	...	4	...	...	4	100	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	4	1	3	75·00	...	...	...	
		Total ...	...	305	...	...	305	100	...	305	...	...	...	...	...	11	...	293	4	297	85	220	80·76	5	1	7	
		CLASS III.—*Serious Offences against Person and Property, or against Property only.*																									
30	95, 307, 398	Deodity	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
31	399, 402	Preparation and assembly for dacoity ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
32	394, 397, 398	Robbery with hurt, { by poisoning or stupefying drugs ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	† One case convicted under Serial No. 32.
		{ by other means ...	...	1	...	...	1	100	...	1†	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	1	100	...	...	...	
		{ in dwelling houses ...	...	8	...	...	8	100	...	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	5	2	(d) 1	20·00	...	...	...	(d) Two cases declared false.
		{ on the highway between sunset and sunrise.	...	16	...	...	16	100	...	16	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	5	...	5	2	(e) 8	30·00	3	...	...	(e) Three do. do.
		{ other robberies ...	...	2	...	...	2	100	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	2	...	2	100	...	...	...	
34	370, 391, 382, 459 to 460, 435 to 440.	Serious mischief and cognate offences ...	...	2	...	...	2	100	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	2	...	2	100	...	...	...	
35	426, 429	Mischief by killing, poisoning, or maiming any animal.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
36	454, 455, 457 to 460 ...	Lurking house-trespass or house-breaking with intent to commit an offence, or having made preparation for hurt.	...	389	...	...	389	100	...	389	...	...	...	...	...	241	...	148	1	140	14	f 129	90·20	2	...	2	(f) One case transferred; in two cases proceedings were not taken, persons being convicted on more than three other charges, and one case declared false.
37	449 to 452	House-trespass with view to commit an offence, or having made preparation for hurt.	...	18	...	...	18	100	...	18	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18	...	18	1	17	94·44	...	...	...	
38	412, 413	Receiving stolen property by dacoity or habitually.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
39	311, 400, 401	Belonging to gangs of thugs, dacoits, robbers, and thieves.	...	1	...	...	1	100	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	
		Total ...	...	437	...	...	437	100	...	437	...	...	...	...	...	244	...	193	1	194	25	167	86·08	5	...	3	
		CLASS IV.—*Minor Offences against the Person.*																									
40	341 to 344	Wrongful restraint and confinement ...	...	7	...	...	7	100	...	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	...	7	1	(g) 5	85·71	...	...	...	(g) One case compounded.
41	336, 337	Rash act causing hurt or endangering life.	...	10	...	...	10	100	...	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	...	10	2	h, 6	75·00	1	...	...	h. Two cases do.
42	374	Compulsory labour	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
		Total ...	...	17	...	...	17	100	...	17	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17	...	17	3	11	76·47	1	...	...	

STATEMENT A—*continued.*

Serial Number.	Law under which punishable.	Offences.	Cases originally reported as a Police station or Police circle, but subsequently transferred to a Police station or Police circle for trial.	Reported during the Year.					Cases taken up by Station Officer from previous year.	Total of cases investigated by the Police (Col. 4 + Col. 9).	Not sent to Magistrate (Accused, if any, remanded under Section 169, Criminal Procedure Code).								Cases pending in Court at beginning of year.	Total of cases before the Courts.	Number ending in discharge or acquittal.	Number ending in conviction.	Percentage of cases ending in conviction to total of Column 21.	Number of persons committed to the Court of Session by Court after trial cases in their custody, or before the Courts in last.	Number in which this Court held after trial that unexplainable offence may be committed.	Number still under trial at close of the year.	Remarks.
				Investigated by the Police.							In which Magistrate acts for the accused and tried the case.															
				Upon the report.	Under Magistrate's order after investigation has been refused by the Police.	Not investigated.	Total.	Percentage of cases investigated to total reported.			Convicted.	Not convicted.	Pending at close of year.	Under Section 191 of Criminal Procedure Code.	In which Magistrate acted as Police and tried the case.	Under Section 192 of Criminal Procedure Code.	Cases sent before the Magistrate.									
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
		Class V.—*Minor Offences against Property.*																								
43	453, 456	Lurking house-trespass or house-breaking.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
44	379 to 382 ...	Theft... ... { of cattle ... ... ordinary	...	2,753	...	...	2,753	100·	...	2,753	...	...	...	...	...	816	...	1,937	...	1,937	140	(1) 1,740	92·57	69	...	...
45	406 to 408 ...	Criminal breach of trust	...	122	...	...	122	100·	...	122	...	...	...	...	...	20	...	10	...	102	14	(2) 80	85·10	4	...	...
46	411, 414	Receiving stolen property...	...	113	...	...	113	100·	...	113	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	...	113	22	(3) 91	80·17	...	...	1
47	447, 448	Criminal or house-trespass	...	20	...	...	20	100·	...	20	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	20	2	18	90·00	...	...	...
48	461, 462	Breaking closed receptacle	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Total ...	...	3,024	...	...	3,024	100·	...	3,024	...	...	...	...	...	836	...	2,188	...	2,188	179	1,947	91·11	44	...	1
		Total, Classes I to V ...	...	3,802	...	...	3,802	100·	...	3,802	...	...	...	...	...	1,691	...	2,719	6	2,719	257	2,336	90·18	55	1	11
		Class VI.—*Other Offences not specified above.*																								
49	295 to 297 ...	Offences against religion	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
50	Chapter VIII (10, C. P. C. and Act IX of 1874.	Vagrancy and bad character	...	61	...	...	61	100·	...	61	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	61	5	56	91·80	...	...	...
51	Cognizable offences under the Act specified.	Offences against Gambling Act	...	126	...	...	126	100·	...	126	...	...	...	...	...	126	...	...	...	126	1	125	99·20	...	...	...
52		——— Excise Laws	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
53		——— Opium Act	...	2	...	...	2	100·	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	1	100·	...	...	...
54		——— Railway Laws	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
55		——— Salt and Customs Laws ...	...	1	...	...	1	100·	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	1	100·	...	...	...
56		——— Arms Act...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
57		——— Stamp Act	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
58		——— Forest Act	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
59	269, 277, 279, 280, 283, 285, 286, 289, 291 to 294, Section 34 of Act V of 1861, and any other municipal or local laws.	Public and local nuisances	...	29	...	...	29	100·	...	29	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29	...	29	8	21	72·77	1	...	2
		Total ...	...	229	...	...	229	100·	...	229	...	...	...	...	...	128	...	35	...	229	13	214	94·00	1	...	2

(1) Four cases transferred to Sessions proceedings were not taken, persons being convicted on more than 3 other charges, and 22 cases declared false.

(2) Two cases compounded; 16 Sessions proceedings were not taken, persons being convicted on more than 3 other charges, and 1 case declared false.

(3) In one case proceedings were not taken, persons being convicted on more than 3 other charges.

Miscellaneous.

60	Section 35 of Act XIII of 1895.	Possession of stolen property	...	...	...	151	...	...	151	100*	...	151	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	151	...	151	25	†	118	82·21	9	...	1
61	Act VI of 1863	Public Land Conveyance Act	...	...	...	1,941	...	...	1,941	100*	...	1,941	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,941	...	1,941	26	(aa)1,887		99·84	...	9	...
62	Acts XIII of 1856 and XLVIII of 1895.	Police Act		...	...	10,600	...	...	10,600	100*	...	*10,600	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10,598	...	10,598	141	(a)10,153		98·63	...	22	3
63	Act XLVIII of 1860.	Drunkenness		...	...	3,463	...	...	3,463	100*	...	† 3,463	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,453	...	3,453	23	(o) 3,343		99·28	...	20	4
64	Section 7 of Act XLVIII of 1860.	Assaulting a Policeman ...	...	...	...	11	...	...	11	100*	...	11	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	...	11	1	10		90 90	...	...	...
* 65	Act XI of 1890	Prevention of cruelty to Animals	...	...	...	142	...	...	142	100*	...	142	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	142	...	142	8	(p) 132		94·28	...	1	...
66	Act of 1881	Army Act		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...	...	...	...
67	Act XIV of 1866	Post Office Act		...	1	...	...	1	100*	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...		1	100*	...	...	...
68	Act I of 1859	Mercantile Marine Act		...	21	...	...	21	100*	...	21	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	21	...	21	...	...		21	100*	...	...	...
69	Act V of 1878	Abkári Act		...	31	...	...	31	100*	...	31	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	31	...	31	2	29		93·54	...	...	...
70	Act X of 1889	Indian Ports Act		...	146	...	...	146	100*	...	146	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	146	...	146	...	146		100*	...	...	...
71	Act III of 1888	Municipal Act		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...	...	...	...
72	Act I of 1874	Tramway Act...		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...	...	...	...
73	Act X of 1887	Native Passenger Ships Act ...		...	1	...	...	1	100*	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	1		100*	...	...	...
		Total	...	...	16,508	...	...	16,508	100*	...	16,508	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16,496	...	16,496	226	15,741		99·33	9	52	8
	*	Total, Class VI and Miscellaneous	...	...	16,737	...	...	16,737	100*	...	16,737	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16,725	...	16,725	233	15,955		99·33	10	53	11
		Grand Total	...	...	27,329	...	...	20,529	100*	...	20,529	...	...	...	...	...	1,091	...	19,453	6	19,441	495	18,311		97·31		65	53	22	

(f) Three cases transferred; in one case 1 person did not respond to bail, and three cases declared false.

(aa) In 28 cases persons did not respond to bail.

(a) Three cases compounded, and in 298 cases persons did not respond to bail.

(o) In one case accused died, and in 187 cases persons did not respond to bail.

(p) In 2 cases persons did not respond to bail.

* In 2 cases persons made over to Military and Naval authorities.

† In 10 cases persons made over to Military and Naval authorities.

Police Commissioner's Office,
Bombay, 30th April 1898.

R. H. VINCENT,
Commissioner of Police.

STATEMENT A.

(Return of Cognizable Crime for the Year 1897.)

Part IV.—Return of persons concerned in cases reported at a Police Station, or in cases taken up by the Police in 1897.

Serial Number.	Law under which punishable.	Offences.	Persons in Police Custody, or on bail under Section 497, Criminal Procedure Code, at beginning of year as concerned in cases reported to or in cases taken up by the Police	Persons Arrested by the Police.		Persons released by the Station Officer under Section 169, and not required to appear by Magistrate.	Persons not arrested, because absconded in cases occurring during the year.	Persons released by the Magistrate's order before trial.	Persons released by the Magistrate's order after trial.	Persons on bail or still in Police custody at close of year.	Persons appearing under order of the Magistrate.	Persons whose cases were under trial before the Courts at beginning of year.	Total number of persons tried.	Number discharged or acquitted.	Number convicted (including those ordered to give security for good behaviour.	Percentage of convicts convicted on total of Columns XV and XVI.	Number of persons convicted who had been arrested by the Police or report or information first (Column V).	Number under trial at close of the year.	Remarks.
				Upon the report or other information.	Under Magistrate's orders after the investigation has been refused by the Police or the Police had reported the charge to be false.														
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
1	115	Abetment of offence not committed, &c.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
	117	Abetting commission of offence by public, &c.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
	118, 119	Concealing design to commit offence, &c.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
		Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
		CLASS I.—*Offences against the State, Public Tranquillity, Safety, and Justice.*																	
2	121 to 130, 138 ...	Offences relating to Army and Navy.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
3	231 to 263, 467 and 471.	Offences relating to coin, stamps, and Government notes.	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	1	3	75·00	3	...	
4	212 to 216	Harbouring an offender ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
5	224 to 225 ...	Other offences against public justice.	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	4	100·00	4	...	
6	143 to 148, 157, 158	Rioting or unlawful assembly ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
7	186, 170, 171 ...	Personating public servant or soldier.	...	14	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	15	6	9	60·00	9	...	
		Total ...	...	22	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	23	7	16	69·56	16	...	
		CLASS II.—*Serious Offences against the Person.*																	
8	302, 303, 396 ...	Murder ... by things ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
9		" dacoits ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
10		" robbers ...	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	6	100·00	6	...	
11		" poison ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
12		Other murders	...	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	7	...	(a) 5	100·00	5	2	a) One person died of plague and 2 persons transferred.
13	307	Attempts at murder ...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	100·00	1	...	
14	304, 308	Culpable homicide ...	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	1	(b) 4	80·00	4	...	b) One person implicated in a mistake of fact case.

15	376	Rape	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	3	1	25·00	1	1	
16	377	Unnatural offences ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
17	317, 318	Exposure of infants or concealment of birth.	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	100·00	1	1	
18	305, 306, 309 ...	Attempt at, and abetment of, suicide.	...	32	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	31	5	26	83·87	26	1	
19	329, 331, 333 ...	Grevious hurt for the purpose of extorting property or confession or deterring public servant.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
20	325, 326, 335 ...	Grevious hurt	...	68	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	63	10	(e) 48	82·75	48	6	(e) Cases against 2 persons compounded ; 2 persons committed suicide and proceedings against 2 persons not taken, they being convicted on more than 3 other charges.
21	328	Administering stupefying drugs to cause hurt.	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	...	...	...	...	
22	327, 330, 337 ...	Hurt for purpose of extorting property or confession or deterring public servant.	...	†5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	1	4	80·00	4	...	† Three persons convicted of non-cognizable offences.
23	324	Hurt by dangerous weapon ...	...	1208	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	206	31	(d) 160	83·77	160	1	(d) Cases against 11 persons withdrawn ; 3 persons implicated in false cases, and 1 person implicated in a mistake of fact case.
24	363 to 369	Kidnapping or abduction ...	...	14	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14	3	11	78·57	11	...	† One person made over to Military authorities.
25	346 to 348	Wrongful confinement and restraint in secret or for purpose of extortion.	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	
26	372 to 373	Selling, letting, or unlawfully obtaining a minor for prostitution.	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	2	100·00	2	...	
27	371	Habitually dealing in slaves ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
28	353, 354, 356, 357 ...	Criminal force to public servant or women, or an attempt to commit theft or wrongfully confine.	...	25	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	25	2	(e) 22	91·66	22	...	(e) One person implicated in a mistake of fact case.
29	304A, 338 ...	Rash or negligent act causing death or grievous hurt	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	1	3	75·00	3	...	
		Total ...	...	390	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	377	59	294	83·28	294	14	
	CLASS III.—*Serious Offences against Person and Property, or against Property only.*																	
30	95, 357, 398	Dacoity	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
31	340, 402	Preparation and assembly for dacoity.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
32	394, 397, 398 ...	Robbery with hurt. — by poisoning or stupefying drugs.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
		— by other means...	...	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	2	100·00	2	...	‡ Convicted under Serial No. 33.
33	392, 393	Robbery — in dwelling house ...	...	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	7	(f) 1	12·5	1	...	(f) Two persons implicated in false cases.
		— on the highway between sunset and sunrise.	...	30	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	30	13	(g) 5	27·77	5	...	(g) Four persons implicated in false cases, and 8 persons implicated in mistake of fact cases.
		— other robberies.	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	1	2	66·66	2	...	
34	379, 381, 382, 430 to 433, 435 to 440.	Serious mischief and cognate offences.	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	2	100·00	2	...	
35	428, 429	Mischief by killing, poisoning, or maiming any animal.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
36	454, 455, 457, 460 ...	Lurking house-trespass or house-breaking with intent to commit an offence, or having made preparation for hurt.	...	189	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	188	29	(h) 154	84·15	154	2	(h) One person transferred ; 2 persons implicated in mistake of fact cases and proceedings against 2 persons not taken, they being convicted on more than 3 other charges.
37	449 to 452	House-trespass with view to commit an offence, or having made preparation for hurt.	...	20	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20	1	19	95·00	19	...	
38	472, 473	Receiving stolen property by dacoity or habitually.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
39	311, 400, 401 ...	Belonging to gangs of thugs dacoits, robbers, and thieves.	...	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	
		Total ...	...	266	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	255	51	185	78·38	185	12	

STATEMENT A—*continued.*

Serial Number	Law under which punishable.	Offences.	Persons in Police Custody at the last under Section 61 of the Criminal Procedure Code, beginning of year as corrected in quarterly returns during the year.	Persons arrested by the Police		Persons not arrested, persons abscorded (in case exceeding 3 days in the year.)	Persons released by the Station Officer under Section 169 and required to appear by Magistrate.	Proceedings of Columns VIII to Column V.	Persons released by the Magistrate's order on bail or still in Police custody at close of year.	Persons appearing under order of the Magistrate.	Persons whose cases were under trial before the Courts at beginning of year.	Total number of persons tried.	Number discharged or acquitted.	Number convicted (including those ordered to give security for good behaviour.	Percentage of number convicted on total of Columns XV and XVI.	Number of persons convicted who had been reported by the Police on report or information (Column V).	Number under trial at close of the year.	Remarks.
				Upon the report or other information.	Under Magistrate's orders after investigation has been refused on the facts which if true have disclosed the charge to be false.													
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
		Class IV.—*Minor Offences against the Person.*																
40	341 to 344	Wrongful restraint and confinement.	...	11	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	2	(i) 8	80·00	8	...	(i) One case against one person compounded.
41	336, 337	Rash act causing hurt or endangering life.	...	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	1	(j) 8	88·88	8	...	(j) Cases against 2 persons compounded and one person implicated in a mistake of fact case.
42	374	Compulsory labour	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
		Total ...	...	23	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	23	3	16	84·21	16	...	
		Class V.—*Minor Offences against Property.*																
43	453, 456	Lurking house-trespass or house-breaking.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
44	379 to 382	Theft { of cattle ... ... ordinary	...	2,756	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	2,161	123	(k) 1,936	94·02	1,936	...	(k) Five persons transferred; proceedings against 3 persons not taken, they being convicted on more than 3 other charges; 83 persons implicated in false cases and 31 persons implicated in mistake of fact cases.
45	406 to 408	Criminal breach of trust ...	...	109	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	109	12	(l) 83	87·36	83	...	(l) Four persons implicated in mistake of fact cases; one person transferred; cases against 3 persons compounded and proceedings against 6 persons not taken, they being convicted on more than 3 other charges.
46	411, 414	Receiving stolen property ...	...	156	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	155	32	(m) 121	79·08	121	1	(m) Proceedings against 2 persons not taken, they being convicted on more than 3 other charges.
47	447, 448	Criminal or house-trespass ...	...	33	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	33	2	31	93·93	31	...	
48	461, 462	Breaking closed receptacle ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
		Total ...	...	2,454	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	2,458	169	2,171	92·77	2,171	1	
		Total, Class I to V ...	...	3,755	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	3,736	289	2,682	90·26	2,682	27	
		Class VI.—*Other Offences not specified above.*																	
49	295 to 297	Offences against religion ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
50	Chapter VIII (16), C. P. C., and Act IX of 1874.	Vagrancy and bad character ...	...	70	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	70	4	66	94·28	66	...	

51		Offences against Gambling Act...	...	496	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	496	23	(a) 470	95·23	470	...	(a) Three persons did not respond to bail.
52		——— Excise Laws ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
53		——— Opium Act ...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	2	100·00	2	...	
54	Cognizable offences	——— Railway Laws ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
55	under the Act specified.	——— Salt and Custom Laws.	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	100·00	1	...	
56		——— Arms Act ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
57		——— Stamp Act ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
58		——— Forest Act ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
59	269, 277, 279, 280, 283, 285, 286, 289, 291 to 294, Section 34 of Act V of 1861, and any other municipal or local laws.	Public and local nuisances ...	...	45	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	45	7	(c) 37	84·09	37	3	(c) One person implicated in a mistake of fact case.
		Total ...	...	614	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	614	34	576	94·39	576	3	
		Miscellaneous.																	
60	Section 35 of Act XIII of 1856.	Possession of stolen property ...	...	167	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	166	21	(p) 128	85·00	128	1	(p) One person did not respond to bail; 9 persons implicated in mistake of fact cases; 4 persons transferred and 3 persons implicated in false cases.
61	Act VI of 1863 ...	Public Land Conveyance Act ...	...	(*) 1,942	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,942	26	(q) 1,888	98·64	1,888	...	(*) 16 persons convicted of non-cognizable offences. (q) 28 persons did not respond to bail.
62	Act XIII of 1856 and XLVIII of 1860.	Police Act...	...	(†) 12,706	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12,700	287	(r) 11,997	97·86	11,991	3	(†) 59 persons convicted of non-cognizable offences; 2 persons made over to Military and 1 to Naval authorities. (r) Cases against 4 persons compounded and 418 persons did not respond to bail.
63	Act XLVIII of 1860.	Drunkenness	...	(‡) 5,644	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5,629	59	(s) 5,331	98·90	5,331	4	(‡) 9 persons made over to Military and 1 to Naval authorities and 23 persons convicted of non-cognizable offences. (s) 239 persons did not respond to bail.
64	Section 7 of Act XLVIII of 1860.	Assaulting a Police man... ...	...	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	1	11	91·66	11	...	
65	Act XI of 1890 ...	Prevention of cruelty to animals.	...	144	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	144	7	(t) 135	95·07	135	...	(t) Two persons did not respond to bail.
66	Act	Army Act...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
67	Act XIV of 1895 ...	Post Office Act	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	100·00	1	...	
68	Act I of 1892 ...	Mercantile Marine Act	...	21	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	21	...	21	100·00	21	...	
69	Act V of 1878 ...	Abkari Act	...	31	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	31	1	30	96·77	30	...	
70	Act X of 1889 ...	Indian Ports Act	...	182	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	182	...	182	100·00	182	...	
71	Act III of 1888 ...	Municipal Act	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
72	Act I of 1874 ...	Tramway Act	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
73	Act X of 1887 ...	Native Passenger Ships Act ...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	100·00	1	...	
		...	...	20,851	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20,829	402	19,719	98·00	19,719	8	
		Total, Class VI and Miscellaneous ...	...	21,465	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	21,443	436	20,295	97·89	20,295	11	
		Grand Total ...	...	21,620	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13	24,579	725	22,977	96·94	22,977	38	

Police Commissioner's Office,
Bombay, 30th April 1898.

R. H. VINCENT,
Commissioner of Police.

STATEMENT B.

(Return of Non-cognizable Crime for the Year 1897.)

Part I.—*Return of Non-cognizable Cases.*

Serial Number.	Law under which punishable.	Offence.	Pending at beginning of Year.		Brought to notice during the year.			Total for disposal (i.e., total of columns 4 to 9).	Number disposed without trial.	Number tried.		Pending at close of the Year.		Number declared by Court never to have or ceased to be an offence in law or fact.	Number in which the Court held that a cognizable offence was committed.	Remarks.
			Under investigation by order of Magistrate.		Taken up by the Magistrate of his own motion or on report of the Police.	Referred to Police for investigation.				Ending in discharge or acquittal.	Ending in conviction.	Under investigation.				
			With the Police.	Otherwise, under investigation.	Under trial.											
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
1	116...	Abetment of offence not committed, &c.	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	
2	117... ...	Abetting commission of offence by public, &c.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
3	118, 119	Concealing design to commit offence.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
		Total ...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	
		Class I.—*Offences against the State, Public Tranquility, &c., &c.*																
4	121 to 130, 505 ...	Offences against the State	...	...	...	1	...	...	(a) 1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	(a) Excluding two cases committed to the Sessions where there was a conviction in one and the other was not proceeded with.
5	157...	Harbouring deserters by Master of Ship.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
6	172 to 190, 202 to 204, 213 to 215, 227, 228.	Offences against public justice ...	...	...	...	2	...	1	2	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	
7	161 to 169, 217 to 223.	Offences by public servants	...	...	...	1	...	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	
8	193 to 200, 205 to 211, 421 to 424.	False evidence, false complaints and claims, and fraudulent deeds and disposition of property.	...	...	...	3	...	1	(b) 3	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	(b) Excluding one case in which there was an acquittal at the Sessions.
9	465 to 477 ...	Forgery or fraudulently using forged documents.	...	...	...	2	...	...	(c) 2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	(c) Excluding one case in which there was a conviction at the Sessions.
10	264 to 267 ...	Offences relating to weights and measures.	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	
11	482 to 489 ...	Making or using false trade-marks...	...	...	...	2	...	...	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	
12	143, 154 to 156, 160.	Rioting, unlawful assembly, affray.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
		Total ...	...	...	...	12	...	3	12	1	10	1	...	...	...	...	...	
		Class II.—*Serious offences against the person.*																
13	312 to 316 ...	Causing miscarriage	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
14	370...	Buying or disposing of slaves ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
		Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
		Class III.—*Serious offences against property.*																
15	384 to 389 ...	Extortion	...	...	...	1	...	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	
		Total ...	...	...	...	1	...	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	
		Class IV.—*Minor offences against the person.*																
16	341...	Wrongful confinement	...	...	3	1,863	...	9	1,875	793	958	323	...	...	...	...	...	
17	352, 355, 358	Criminal force	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	
18	304...	Hurt on grave or sudden provocation.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
19	323...	Voluntarily causing hurt	...	...	2	174	...	1	176	100	30	46	...	...	...	...	...	
		Total ...	...	...	4	1,537	...	10	1,051	893	988	* 369	...	...	1	...	...	
		Class V.—*Minor offences against property.*																
20	417 to 420 ...	Cheating	...	...	6	83	...	3	*99	29	37	19	...	...	3	...	...	* Persons concerned in three cases died before trial.
21	403, 404	Criminal misappropriation of property.	...	...	1	37	...	6	28	10	11	6	...	...	1	...	...	
22	409...	Criminal breach of trust by public servants, bankers, &c.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
23	426, 427, 434 ...	Mischief (simple)	...	...	...	70	...	...	85	13	12	10	...	...	...	...	...	
		Total ...	...	...	7	150	...	9	162	51	70	34	...	...	4	...	...	

STATEMENT B—*continued.*

Serial Number.	Law under which punishable.	Offence.	Pending at beginning of year.		Number tried.					Number disclosed without trial.	Number of cases pending at close of the year.			Number declared by Court never to have come before a Magistrate.	Number in which the Court held that a cognizable offence was committed.	Remarks.
			Under investigation by order of Magistrate.		Under trial.	Instituted by complaint during the year.	Taken up by the Magistrate of his own motion or upon information from the Police.	Referred to Police for investigation.	Total for disposal (4+5+6+7+8+9).		Ending in discharge or acquittal.	Ending in conviction.	Under investigation.		Under trial.			
			With the Police.	Otherwise under investigation.									With the Police.	Otherwise under investigation.				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
		CLASS VI.—*Other offences not specified above.*																
22	296...	Offences against religion	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
23	490 to 492 ...	Criminal breach of contract of service.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
24	493 to 498 ...	Offences relating to marriage ...	...	...	...	67	...	3	67	58	12	7	...	...	...	...	...	
25	500 to 502 ...	Defamation	...	...	1	30	...	3	31	15	15	1	...	...	1	...	...	
26	504, 506 to 510 ...	Intimidation and insult ...	...	...	...	190	...	4	190	113	42	35	...	...	...	...	...	
27	271 to 278, 278, 284, 287, 289, 290.	Public and local nuisances ...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	* In one case in which 7 persons were implicated, one died before trial.
28	294a	Keeping a lottery office	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
29	Offences under Chapter VIII (a), C. P. C.	Security for keeping the peace on conviction.	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
30	Offences under Chapter X, C. P. C.	Public nuisances	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
31	Cases under Chapter XII, C. P. C.	Disputes as to immoveable property.	...	...	...	1	...	1	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
32	Cases under Chapter XXXVI, C. P. C.	Maintenance of wives and children...	...	...	...	100	...	...	100	40	41	19	...	...	...	...	...	
		Total ...	...	...	1	389	...	12	391	208	119	63	...	...	1	...	...	
		Special Laws, offences under which are not cognizable by the Police.																
		[Detail]																
		Act III of 1888, Municipal Act	...	...	...	5,334	...	...	5,334	3,802	21	1,511	...	...	...	...	...	
		Act XIII of 1856 and XLVIII of 1860, Police Acts ...	...	...	...	33	...	...	33	...	1	31	...	...	...	...	...	
		Act XIII of 1859, Artificers' Act	...	...	...	14	...	...	14	9	3	2	...	...	...	...	...	
		Act V of 1863, Indian Merchant Shipping Act	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	
		Act XI of 1891, Indian Factories Amendment Act ...	...	...	...	2	...	...	2	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	
		Act II of 1891, The Bombay Boiler Inspection Act ...	...	...	...	4	...	...	4	1	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	
		Act III of 1897, Epidemic Diseases Act	...	...	...	3	...	...	3	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	
		Act VI of 1882, Indian Companies Act	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	
		Act XIV of 1866, Pilgrims Act	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	
		Act XXI of 1883, The Indian Emigration Act	...	...	...	3	...	...	3	...	...	1	...	...	2	...	...	
		Total ...	...	...	...	5,395	...	...	5,395	3,812	28	1,553	...	...	2	...	...	
		GRAND TOTAL ...	...	...	12	7,511	...	35	7,523	4,905	326	2,021	...	...	8	...	...	

J. SANDERS SLATER,
Chief Presidency Magistrate and Revenue Judge.

Bombay, Chief Presidency Magistrate's Court,
11th March 1898.

STATEMENT B.

Return of Non-Cognizable Crime for the year 1897.

Part II.—*Return of persons concerned in non-cognizable cases.*

Serial Number.	Law under which Punishable.	Offence.	Persons concerned in cases pending at end of previous year, but not yet disposed of or against whom process had issued.	Persons against whom Process Issued.			Persons discharged after appearance before Court.	Persons tried.		Percentage of number convicted to number for whom process issued. (Columns V and VI).	Persons under trial at close of the year.	Remarks.
				On complaint.	On Magistrate's own motion, or information from the Police.	Persons not arrested because absconded or evading or not complying with summons, or warrant not executed, or proceedings against whom were outstanding at end of the year.		Acquitted or discharged.	Convicted.			
I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI	XII	XIII
1	116... ...	Abetment of offence not committed, &c.	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	1	100	...
	117... ..	Abetting commission of offences by public, &c.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	118, 119 ...	Concealing design to commit offences.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Total ...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	1	100	...
		Class I.—*Offences against the State, Public Tranquility, &c., &c.*										
2	121 to 130, 505.	Offences against the State.	...	1	...	...	*1	...	1	...	...	...
3	137... ...	Harbouring deserters by Master of ship.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
4	172 to 190, 201 to 204, 213 to 215, 227 to 229.	Offences against public justice.	...	2	...	...	2	...	1	1	50	...
5	161 to 169, 217 to 223.	Offences by public servants.	...	1	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...
6	193 to 200, 205 to 211, 421 to 424.	False evidence, false complaints and claims, and fraudulent deeds, and disposition of property.	...	5	...	...	†5	2	3	...	...	...
7	465 to 477 .	Forgery or fraudulently using forged documents.	...	3	...	...	‡3	...	3	...	...	...
8	264 to 267 .	Offences relating to weights and measures	...	1	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...
9	482 to 489 .	Making or using false trade-marks.	...	2	...	...	2	...	2	...	...	...
10	140, 154 to 156, 160.	Rioting, unlawful assembly, affray.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Total ...	...	15	...	...	15	2	12	1	6·6	...
		Class II.—*Serious offences against the Person.*										
11	312 to 316 .	Causing miscarriage ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
12	370 ...	Buying or disposing of slaves.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Class III.—*Serious offences against the Property.*										
13	384 to 389 .	Extortion	...	2	...	...	2	...	2	...	...	...
		Total ...	...	2	...	...	2	...	2	...	...	...
		Class IV.—*Minor offences against the Person.*										
14	345... ...	Wrongful confinement ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
15	352, 353, 358	Criminal force	11	2,190	...	...	2,201	1,257	457	484	22·10	3
16	334... ...	Hurt on grave or sudden provocation.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
17	323... ...	Voluntarily causing hurt .	2	314	...	...	316	178	67	71	23·81	...
		Total ...	13	2,504	...	...	2,517	1,435	524	555	22·16	3

* Excluding 4 persons implicated in 2 cases committed to the Sessions; one of the 4 was convicted and 1 acquitted by that Court, and the case against 2 was not proceeded with.

† Excluding 1 person acquitted at the Sessions.

‡ Excluding 1 person committed to the Sessions and convicted there.

STATEMENT B—*continued.*

Serial Number.	Law under which punishable.	Offence.	Persons convicted in cases pending at end of previous year in which trial had or against whom process had issued.	Persons against whom Process issued.			Appeared before the Courts.	Persons discharged after appearance without trial.	Persons tried.		Percentage of number convicted to sum of (Columns V and VI).	Persons under trial at close of the year.	Remarks.
				On complaint.	On Magistrate's own motion or information of a police officer.	Persons not arrested because plaintiff or complainant failed to appear or pay costs or security, or because they absconded or could not be found.			Acquitted or discharged.	Convicted.			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
		CLASS V.—*Minor offences against the Property.*											
18	417 to 420...	Cheating	6	99	...	...	105	28	53	19	19·19	3	*Two of these died before trial.
19	403, 404 ...	Criminal misappropriation of property.	1	39	...	...	40	10	23	6	15·38	1	
20	409	Criminal breach of trust by public servants bankers, &c.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
21	426, 427, 434.	Mischief (simple) ...	1	46	...	...	46	18	18	12	26·08	...	
		Total ...	7	184	...	...	191	56	97	37	20·10	4	
		CLASS VI.—*Other Offences not specified above.*											
22	298... ...	Offences against religion...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
23	490 to 492 .	Criminal breach of contract of service.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
24	493 to 498...	Offences relating to marriage.	...	90	...	...	90	48	34	8	8·8	...	
25	500 to 502...	Defamation	7	41	...	...	48	20	24	2	4·8	1	*One died before trial.
26	501, 506 to 510.	Intimidation and insult ...	...	201	...	...	201	182	70	30	13·40	...	
27	271 to 276, 278, 284, 287, 288, 290.	Public and local nuisances	...	1	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	
28	291A ...	Keeping a lottery office ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
29	Offences under Chapter VIII(a), C. P. C.	Security for keeping the peace on conviction.	...	1	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	
30	Offences under Chapter X, C. P. C.	Public nuisances	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
31	Cases under Chapter XII, C. P. C.	Disputes as to immovable property.	...	1	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	
32	Cases under Chapter XXXVI, C. P. C.	Maintenance of wives and children.	...	100	...	...	100	40	41	19	19	...	
		Total ...	7	525	...	...	532	291	171	68	12·05	1	
		SPECIAL LAWS, OFFENCES UNDER WHICH ARE NOT COGNIZABLE BY THE POLICE.											
		Detail.											
		Act III of 1888, Municipal Act ...	...	5,334	...	...	5,354	3,802	21	1,511	28·32	...	
		Act XIII of 1856 and XLVIII of 1860, Police Acts.	...	57	...	...	57	...	1	55	9·24	...	
		Act XIII of 1859, Artificers Act ...	...	19	...	...	19	14	3	2	10·52	...	
		Act V of 1883, Indian Merchant Shipping Act.	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	1	100	...	
		Act XI of 1891, Indian Factories Amendment Act.	...	4	...	...	4	...	3	1	25	...	
		Act II of 1891, The Bombay Boiler Inspection Act.	...	6	...	...	6	1	3	2	33·3	...	
		Act III of 1897, Epidemic Diseases Act.	...	4	...	...	4	...	...	4	100	...	
		Act VI of 1882, Indian Companies Act.	...	5	...	...	5	...	5	...	...	...	
		Act XIV of 1895, Pilgrim Act ...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	1	100	...	
		Act XXI of 1883, The Indian Emigration Act.	...	3	...	...	3	...	...	1	33·33	2	
		Total ...	...	5,431	...	...	5,434	3,817	36	1,579	29·05	2	
		Grand Total ...	27	8,055	...	...	8,092	5,931	337	2,241	25·87	10	

Bombay, Chief Presidency Magistrate's Court,
11th March 1898.

J. SANDERS SLATER,
Chief Presidency Magistrate and Revenue Judge.

STATEMENT C.

Property Stolen and Recovered in 1897.

Offence.	Number of cases in which property was stolen.	Number of cases in which property was recovered.	Percentage of cases in which property was recovered to cases in which property was stolen.	Amount of property stolen.	Amount of property recovered.	Percentage of value of property recovered to value of property stolen.	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
				Rs. a. p.	Rs.		
(A).—Cognizable.							
1. Theft ... *a.* In conjunction with lurking house-trespass or house-breaking.	341	98	28·73	99,473 0 0	24,353	24·52	
1. Theft ... *b.* In conjunction with receiving of stolen property.	52	49	94·23	15,629 0 0	10,245	65·55	
1. Theft ... *c.* Other thefts.	2,639	1,834	81·24	1,57,052 0 0	79,103	50·36	
2. Robbery ... *a.* Dacoity ...	...	...	...	.....	...	...	
2. Robbery ... *b.* Other robbery.	23	10	43·47	1,632 0 0	616	37·74	
3. Criminal breach of trust ...	114	76	67·54	14,514 0 0	3,812	26·26	
4. Possession of stolen property...	141	141	100·00	3,127 0 0	3,041	97·24	
5. Murder	1	1	100·00	6,000 0 0	6,000	100·00	
6. Administering stupefying drugs to cause hurt.	1	...	...	24 0 0	...	...	
7. Kidnapping or abduction ...	2	1	50·00	19 0 0	15	78·94	
(B).—Non-cognizable.							
8. Extortion	1	...	...	6 0 0	...	...	
9. Criminal misappropriation ...	37	...	...	5,204 11 6	...	...	
10. Criminal breach of trust by public servant or by a banker, merchant or agent ...	...	...	...	.....	...	...	

Police Commissioner's Office
Bombay, 30th April 1898.

R. H. VINCENT,
Commissioner of Police.

STATEMENT D.

(Return of Professional Crime for the year 1897.)*

Offences	Cases: Committed during the previous two years, and in which no conviction nor acquittal or discharge had taken place up to beginning of the year.†	Cases: Occurred during the year.‡	Number of cases in which conviction was obtained: Of those in Column II.	Number of cases in which conviction was obtained: Of those in Column III.	Persons: Number concerned in cases in Columns II and III.§	Persons: Convicted.	Persons: Under trial or arrest at close of the year.	Return of Police Work for three years: Persons brought to trial after being arrested by the Police.			Persons convicted.			Value of Property stolen.‖			Value of Property recovered.			Remarks.¶
								189—	189—	189—	189—	189—	189—	189—	189—	189—	189—	189—	189—	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9			10			11			12			13
Thuggee ... (a) By strangulation...																				
Thuggee ... (b) By poisoning ...																				
Other Professional crime—																				
Dacoity		Nil.				Nil.						Nil.								
Robbery																				
Cattle theft, &c., &c.																				

*Note.—Every case of Thuggee (*i.e.*, strangulation or poisoning, accompanied by, or for the purpose of robbery) should be deemed a case for professional crime, and be entered accordingly.

Other crimes should only be entered in this statement if they are *professional* crimes, *i.e.*, committed by persons belonging to a class or gang of organized criminals who make offences dangerous to society their profession. Sufficient particulars must be rendered to the Inspector-General of Police to satisfy him that the description applies to every case entered in the statement. Where a particular kind of an offence (*e.g.*, robbery by the administration of poisonous or deleterious drugs, or theft from railway trains) is practised professionally, a clear specification of it should be given in column I. Murders accompanying *professional* crime should be shown either by sub-division (*(a)* with murder, *(b)* without murder) in column I, or by words in the column of Remarks.

† Cases, however, should not be excluded from this column in which the Court, in acquitting, or discharging the accused, expressed an opinion that the offence was committed, although not satisfied that it was committed by the defendant.

‡ Cases, which have been judicially held not to have taken place, should not be included.

§ The number should generally be that which the District Superintendent believes most correct; but if a clear opinion on the point has been expressed in the judgment of a Court, it should be followed.

‖ The value should generally be that reported by complainant; but if a clear opinion on the point has been expressed in the judgment of a Court, it should be followed.

¶ In the "Remarks" column may be mentioned any case prosecuted to conviction which occurred more than two years before the beginning of the year. Columns VII, VIII, IX and X must contain all persons falling under their respective descriptions, whatever the date of the offence. All property stolen, and all property recovered, in each year must be mentioned in columns XI and XII.

Police Commissioner's Office,
Bombay, 30th April 1898.

R. H. VINCENT,
Commissioner of Police.

STATEMENT E.

(Showing Strength, Cost, Distribution and Employment of the Bombay Police in the year 1897.)

Province (District).	Sanctioned Strength of Police Force.										Cost of Police.						Distribution of Force.														Proportion of the Police employed on Prevention and Detection of Crime, Duty and Miscellaneous Duty.					
																	District Force.														To Area.			To Population.			
	Inspectors-General, Deputy and Assistant Inspectors-General.	Commissioners and Deputy Commissioners of Police.	Superintendents.	Number of Inspectors.	Number of European Constables.	Number of Head Constables or Sergeants (Native Police).	Number of Mounted Constables.	Number of Foot Constables.	Number of Water Constables.	Total.	Officers.	Men.	Pay and travelling or other allowances of all kinds of Constables of Police Establishment and their Officers and Pensions.	Pay and Travelling or other allowances of all kinds of Inspectors and other Officers of Police Establishment.	Total pay of Subordinate Officers (Columns 3 to 6).	Total pay of Constables of all classes (Columns 7 and 9).	Horse and Travelling Allowances, pensionary or otherwise, not included in Columns 12 and 13.	Average pay of Mounted Constables.	Foot and Water Constables.	Contingencies and all expenses other than those included in Columns 12 to 17.	Total Cost.	Payable from (a) Imperial, (b) Provincial Revenues.	Payable from other sources.	Guards at District, Central and Sub-sidiary Jails.	Reserve.	Guards over Lock-ups and Treasuries, or Escorts to Prisoners and Treasure (if not included in Columns 26 and 27), also Policemen on orderly duty.	Police employed in Courts.	Engaged in prevention and detection of Crime.	Total.	On Town, Municipal or Harbour duty.	In Cantonments.	Area of whole Province (or District).	Population of whole Province (or District).	Number of Police Stations.	Number of Outposts.	Of the whole Province (District).	Of Province (District), exclusive of Cities, Towns and Municipalities.	Of Towns, exclusive of the Force outside Towns.	Of the whole Province (District).	Of Province (District), exclusive of Towns.	Of Towns, exclusive of the Force outside Towns.	Total amount of cognizable crime reported (Columns 3 of Form I, Columns 5 and 10 of Part III of Statement A).	Proportion of cognizable crime reported to the Police (Columns 32 and 33).	REMARKS.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51
													Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.			Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.																								
Bombay ...	1	2	8	31	36	137*	35	1,714*	87	3,124	12	161	40,036	18,574	1,24,409	5,40,103	31,639	330·5	126·7	1,14,139	8,59,379	1,75,549	83,830	1	—	—	—	216	4	22	280	1,630	22	1,954	13	101	...	22	521,264	32	309	2,241	1	1	2,241	1	1	24,355	12·71	

* Include 2 officers and 97 constables employed as Government Police guards at the different Government offices, buildings and distillery.

Police Commissioner's Office,
Bombay, 30th April 1898.

R. H. VINCENT,
Commissioner of Police.

STATEMENT F.

Return[1] showing Equipment, Discipline, and General Internal Management of the Bombay Police Force for 1897.

District.	Total Strength. Sanctioned. Officers.	Total Strength. Sanctioned. Men.	Total Strength. Actual. Officers.	Total Strength. Actual. Men.	Armament of the Force. With Firearms. Number provided with Revolvers.	With Firearms. Number provided with Breech-loading Smooth-bores or Carbines.	Not with Firearms. Number provided with Breech-loading Swords or Lances.	Not with Firearms. Number provided with Swords.	Punishments. Dismissed. Officers.	Dismissed. Men.	Fined, degraded, or suspended by Departmentally or Departmentally punished in any other way provided in Section 7 of the Police Act. Officers.	Fined, degraded, or suspended by Departmentally or Departmentally punished in any other way provided in Section 7 of the Police Act. Men.	Punished judicially by a Magistrate or Sessions Court. Under Police Act. Officers.	Under Police Act. Men.	Under Sections 330, 331, 348, Penal Code. Officers.	Under Sections 330, 331, 348, Penal Code. Men.	Under Chapter IX of Penal Code. Officers.	Under Chapter IX of Penal Code. Men.	Other Offences. Officers.	Other Offences. Men.	Rewards. Rewarded during the year. By Promotion.	Rewards. Rewarded during the year. By Khilats, presents, Good-conduct pay, or money rewards.	Education. Number of Police who can read and write. Officers.	Education. Number of Police who can read and write. Men.	Number enlisted during the year.	Number who left the Force during the year. Of ten years' service and under ten years.	Number who left the Force during the year. Of ten years' service and upwards. On Pension or Gratuity.	By resignation without Pension or Gratuity.	By dismissal.	By discharge, otherwise than under preceding columns.	By Desertion.	By Death.	Percentage to Total Actual Strength of. Admissions into Hospital.	Percentage to Total Actual Strength of. Daily average sick.	Percentage to Total Actual Strength of. Deaths.	Remarks.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39
Bombay	232	1,684	222	1,377	78	70	...	100	1,833	1	93	4	671	...	2	...	...	...	1	...	4	97	70	171	518	226	1,174	716	75	52	20	9	...	82	146·04	10·36	3·48	7 vacancies.

(1) This statement does not refer to Assistant District Superintendent or officers of high rank. (2) Suspension should only be entered when it is ordered as a substantive punishment, or when it neither is cancelled, nor terminates after enquiry in dismissal, degradation, or fine or other departmental punishment (in the latter cases the eventual punishment only should be entered.

STATEMENT G.

Showing the Race and Religion or Caste of Officers and Men employed in the Bombay Police for 1897.

District.	Race. Europeans. District Superintendents.	Europeans. Assistant District Superintendents.	Europeans. Superintendents. (a)	Europeans. Inspectors. (b)	Europeans. Head Constables or Chief Constables or Sergeants. (c)	Europeans. Constables. (d)	Eurasians. District Superintendents.	Eurasians. Assistant District Superintendents.	Eurasians. Inspectors.	Eurasians. Head Constables or Chief Constables or Sergeants. (e)	Eurasians. Constables.	Natives. Superintendents. (g)	Natives. Inspectors. (h)	Natives. Constables. (i)	Natives. Head Constables or Havildars. (j)	Natives. Constables. (j)	Religion or Caste. Officers. Christians.	Officers. Mahomedans.	Officers. Hindus. Brahmins.	Officers. Hindus. Rajputs.	Officers. Hindus. Gurkhas.	Officers. Hindus. Sikhs.	Officers. Hindus. Marathas.	Officers. Hindus. Pardesis.	Officers. Hindus. Bhandaries.	Officers. Hindus. Hindus of all other Castes.	Officers. Other Religions. Parsis.	Officers. Other Religions. Jews.	Men. Christians.	Men. Mahomedans.	Men. Hindus. Brahmins.	Men. Hindus. Rajputs.	Men. Hindus. Gurkhas.	Men. Hindus. Sikhs.	Men. Hindus. Marathas.	Men. Hindus. Pardesis.	Men. Hindus. Bhandaries.	Men. Hindus. Hindus of all other Castes.	Men. Other Religions. Parsis.	Men. Other Religions. Jews.	Grand Total, Officers and Men.	Remarks.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42
Bombay...	...	...	7	26	...	34	...	...	...	...	...	1	5	2	163	1,371	74	61	19	...	...	...	49	2	1	6	4	...	5	380	91	...	...	4	784	31	105	208	...	1	2,100	7 vacancies.

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(a) There is no corresponding grade
(b) corresponding to Inspectors,
(c) Do. European Constables,
(d) Do. Chief Constables, } in the Mofussil.
(e) Do. Head do.
(f) Do. Constables.

R. H. VINCENT,
Commissioner of Police.

Return of Inquests held by the Coroner of Bombay during the Calendar year 1897.

Causes of Deaths.		Total Number of Inquests held during 1896.	Total Number of Inquests held during 1897.	Increase.	Decrease.
Homicidal cases.	Culpable homicide amounting to murder	10	6	...	4
	Culpable homicide not amounting to murder	2	3	1	...
Death caused by doing a rash and negligent act not amounting to culpable homicide		4	...	...	4
Death caused by voluntarily causing grievous hurt...		1	1	...	...
Suicidal cases.	Cutting throat	1	4	3	...
	Drowning	61	42	...	19
	Hanging	1	8	7	...
	Jumping out of a window or from a terrace, &c.	6	3	...	3
	Lying on the railway line in front of a railway train in motion ...	2	1	...	1
	Poisoning	44	25	...	19
	Shooting	...	1	1	...
Accidental Deaths.	Accidents on board ships ...	16	8	...	8
	Do. by machinery ...	8	15	7	...
	Do. by Railways ...	11	15	4	...
	Do. by Tramway ...	5	2	...	3
	Accidental drowning ...	38	37	...	1
	Do. poisoning ...	9	2	...	7
	Bite of venomous reptiles ...	6	4	...	2
	Do. mad dogs	2	2	...	...
	Do. other animals ...	3	...	...	3
	Burnt in a house on fire ...	5	...	...	5
	Excessive drinking	11	7	...	4
	Fall from houses and buildings ...	22	21	...	1
	Do. scaffolding and ladders.	6	7	1	...
	Do. hills	1	...	...	1
	Do. trees	12	4	...	8
	Fall into dry docks	1	2	1	...
	Do. on road	6	6	...	...
	Falling bags of grain, seed, sugar, &c.	3	5	2	...
	Falling bales of cotton, piece-goods and cases of merchandise, &.	4	2	...	2
	Do. earth and stones ...	2	5	3	...
	Do. houses and buildings ...	6	1	...	5
	Do. iron plates, bars, &c. ..	6	8	2	...
	Do. timber, planks, posts. &c..	5	1	...	4
	Injuries from carts and carriages.	22	17	...	5
	Injuries from fire	26	20	...	6
	Do. horses and bullocks.	10	6	...	4
	Scalds	5	4	...	1
	Struck by lightning	...	4	4	...
	Miscellaneous accidents ...	20	25	5	...
	Carried over ...	403	324	41	120

Return of Inquests—continued.

Causes of Deaths.		Total Number of Inquests held during 1896.	Total Number of Inquests held during 1897.	Increase.	Decrease.
Brought over ...		403	324	141	120
Natural causes		55	61	6	...
Deaths how and under what circumstances caused not known.	Found dead	1	15	14	...
	Do. drowned	8	11	3	...
	Fracture of leg	1	...	...	1
	Gunshot wound	...	1	1	...
	Run over by a railway train ...	...	1	1	...
	Wound on the head	...	1	1	...
Still-born		...	1	1	...
Total ...		468	415	68	121

Coroner's Office,
Bombay, 17th January 1898.

(Signed) ALLAN F. TURNER,
Coroner of Bombay.

(True Copy)

R. H. VINCENT,
Commissioner of Police.

Police Commissioner's Office,
Bombay, 30th April 1898.

Annual Police Statement—Supplementary No. 1, Town and Island of Bombay, for the year 1897.

Description of Crime.	Cases.														Persons.												Remarks.
	Police Cases, or Cases investigated by the Police, whether *suo motu* or by order of a Magistrate.								Direct Cases, or Cases disposed of without the intervention of the Police.				Total Number of real cognizable or Cases disposed of.		Persons arrested by the Police (District or Village) *suo motu*.						Persons otherwise arrested.							
	Pending from previous years, with orders of Magistrate for further investigation by the Police.	Received from Superior Officers of the Police, or sent to them for investigation.	Total number of cases for disposal.	Cases excluded from		Real cognizable cases reported within the year (col. 3 minus 5 (c)).	Real cognizable cases disposed of within the year.	Disposed of without being brought to trial.	Disposed by trial.	Ending in conviction.	Pending at the close of the year, whether before the Courts or under investigation by the Police.	Total number of cases disposed of within the year.	Excluded cases.	Real cognizable cases disposed of within the year.	Number ending in conviction.	Number of real cognizable cases disposed of within the year.	Number ending in conviction.	Number under arrest at the beginning of the year.	Total number for disposal.	Number released as not sent up for trial.	Number disposed of by trial.	Number convicted.	Number under arrest at the end of the year.	Number arrested within the year.	Total number for disposal.	Number disposed of by trial.	Number convicted.	Total number of persons arrested.	Total number disposed of by trial within the year.	Total number convicted within the year.	
				Column 4.	Column 5.																								
1	2	3	4	5 (a)	5 (b)	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33
1. Murders ...	1	5	6	...	...	5	5	1	7	5	2	...	...	...	...	5	5	2	14	c 16	...	11	11	2	...	...	...	...	16	11	11	a 1 person died of plague and 2 persons transferred.
2. Attempts at murder and culpable homicides ...	...	8	8	...	...	8	8	...	3	...	...	3	...	...	...	7	7	...	8	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	6	5	b 1 person implicated in a mistake of fact case.
3. Dacoities	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
4. Robberies	...	27	27	...	5	22	22	...	19	9	...	1	...	1	...	23	23	...	45	c 49	...	32	10	...	3	3	3	...	48	35	15	c 8 persons implicated in mistake of fact cases.
5. House-breaking with intent to commit theft.	1	386	390	...	1	388	388	245	143	129	2	...	...	...	...	393	393	1	189	d 190	...	183	154	2	...	...	...	...	189	183	154	d 1 person transferred and 2 persons implicated in a mistake of fact cases.
6. Thefts	3	2,734	2,737	...	39	2,714	2,714	820	1,896	1,746	...	168	...	168	16	2,887	1,762	5	2,156	e 2,161	...	2,062	1,951	...	...	...	...	...	50	50	50	1	2,206	2,110	1,901	e 5 persons transferred and 31 persons implicated in mistakes of fact cases.
7. Receiving stolen property	...	118	118	...	...	118	118	2	116	95	1	1	...	1	...	101	92	...	106	106	...	105	101	1	...	1	1	1	...	152	150	121	
Offences under the Indian Penal Code.																																
Abetments	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		f 1 person made over to Military Authorities; 1 person died; 6 persons implicated in mistake of fact cases; 2 persons transferred; cases against 14 persons compounded and 2 persons committed suicide.
Class I.	1	19	20	...	...	19	20	...	20	16	...	...	...	...	...	20	20	...	23	23	...	23	16	...	...	...	...	...	23	16		
,, II.	4	2,676	2,680	...	1	2,674	2,674	1,000	1,674	1,500	6	2	...	2	...	2,680	2,680	1	2,287	g 2,288	...	2,274	2,267	14	15	15	15	3	4,970	3,967	3,767	g 1 person transferred and 20 persons implicated in mistake of fact cases.
,, III.	1	427	428	...	6	421	422	247	167	157	3	1	...	1	...	428	422	1	268	g 267	...	258	183	12	5	5	5	3	270	211	183	
,, IV.	...	17	17	...	...	17	17	10	7	7	...	...	...	...	...	17	17	...	8	8	...	8	7	...	2	2	2	...	10	9	7	
,, V.	...	8,074	8,074	...	40	7,991	7,991	890	7,138	1,047	1	223	50	5,139	1,975	5	7,454	h 2,459	...	7,331	2,179	1	2	103	107	107	44	2,636	2,548	2,431	h Cases against 3 persons compounded and 1 person implicated in a mistake of fact cases.
Total ...	6	3,802	3,808	...	47	3,725	3,730	1,137	3,012	2,730	11	226	...	226	51	4,004	3,799	10	3,115	2,167	...	2,883	2,692	27	5	221	220	220	50	3,393	3,209	2,737	
Other Offences.																																
Class VI.	...	229	229	...	...	229	226	...	226	214	3	227	...	227	155	45	226	3	214	i 217	...	205	201	2	...	139	138	136	162	831	807	779	i 2 persons did not respond to bail.
Miscellaneous ...	...	16,309	16,309	...	5	16,303	16,297	15,547	750	741	8	3,581	3,572	99.77	99.4	3	30,951	30,951	...	30,119	19,716	8	...	3,339	3,339	3,339	1,709	34,290	23,055	23,055	j 6 persons transferred; cases against 4 persons compounded; 3 persons died; 668 persons did not respond to bail; 9 persons implicated in mistake of fact cases and 11 persons made over to Military and 4 to Naval Authorities.
Total ...	...	16,538	16,538	...	5	16,532	16,523	15,547	976	955	11	3,808	...	3,808	155	3,977	3,957	3	31,165	31,168	...	30,324	19,917	10	...	3,478	3,477	3,475	1,871	34,721	23,864	23,834	
Grand Total ...	6	20,340	20,346	...	52	20,257	20,253	16,684	3,988	3,685	22	4,034	...	4,034	206	7,981	7,756	13	34,280	33,335	...	33,207	22,609	37	5	3,699	3,697	3,695	1,921	38,114	26,073	25,571	

Details of excluded Cases.	Indian Penal Code Cases.		Other Offences.		Total.	
	Column 5 (a).	Column 5 (b).	Column 5 (c).	Column 5 (d).	Column 5 (e).	Column 5 (f).
Declared maliciously false ...	.....	47	.....	3	.....	50
Total ...	.....	47	.....	3	.....	50

Police Commissioner's Office,
Bombay, 30th April 1897.

R. H. VINCENT,
Commissioner of Police.

Percentages.

	Percentage of			
	Real cognizable cases ending in conviction to true cases disposed of, Column 10 on Column 7.	Real cognizable cases ending in conviction to true cases decided by trial, Column 10 on Column 9.	Persons convicted to persons arrested by the Police *suo motu*, Column 23 on total of Column 20 less total of Column 24.	Persons convicted to those disposed of by trial, Column 21 on Column 22.
1. Murders	62·5	71·42	78·57	100·00
2. Attempts at murder and culpable homicides ...	60·00	60·00	71·42	83·33
3. Dacoities	.....	.....	.....	.....
4. Robberies	40·90	47·36	22·22	31·25
5. House-breaking with intent to commit theft... ...	33·25	90·20	81·91	83·60
6. Thefts	64·36	92·57	89·31	95·18
7. Receiving stolen property ...	78·81	80·10	78·06	78·06
Abetments	.....	.....	.....	.....
Class I	75·00	75·00	69·56	69·56
„ II	75·08	87·85	77·16	83·52
„ III	36·56	86·26	72·54	77·73
„ IV	64·70	78·57	69·56	84·21
„ V	65·37	91·58	88·30	92·32
Total for I. P. C. Cases ...	62·82	90·16	85·39	89·89
Class VI.—Offences under other Laws	94·69	94·69	93·32	94·24
Miscellaneous	95·40	98·58	94·60	95·02
Total, Class VI and Miscellaneous...	95·40	98·53	94·57	97·90
Grand Total ...	89·35	97·37	93·10	96·90

Property Stolen and Recovered.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Value of property stolen in pending Cases of previous year.	Value of property stolen during the year under report.	Total value of property stolen.	Value of property recovered.	Percentages.	Number of cases in which property was stolen in pending cases of previous year.	Number of cases in which property was stolen during the year under report.	Total number of cases in which property was stolen.	Number of cases in which property was recovered.	Percentages.	Value of property alleged to be stolen in pending cases.	Value of property alleged to have been stolen before the year.
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.							Rs.	Rs.
...	2,97,470	2,97,470	1,37,135	42·75	....	3,314	2,210	...	66·68	.....	...

Annual and Periodical Reports—

Review of the working of the Police in the Town and Island of Bombay for the year 1897.

No. 5347 OF 1898.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

Bombay Castle, 6th August 1898.

Letter from the Commissioner of Police, Bombay, No. $\frac{2121}{7}$, dated the 30th April 1898.

Letter from the Commissioner of Police, Bombay, No. $\frac{1660}{7}$, dated the 13th June 1898—

Submitting in print the Annual Report on the working of the Police in the Town and Island of Bombay for the year 1897; and stating that he forwarded the manuscript of the report on the 27th April 1898 to the Chief Presidency Magistrate, who returned it to him on the 30th idem, and that the same day it was sent to the Government Central Press, from which the final copy was received on the 11th June. Explaining that the delay in submitting the report earlier was due to the clerical work in his office having been greatly interfered with by the Plague, the Riots, &c., and to the fact that the amount of official correspondence goes on increasing from year to year without any adequate increase in the number of clerks.

RESOLUTION.—The delay in the submission by the Commissioner of Police of this report, which was due on the 1st May, though less than in the case of the report for the year 1896, is still considerable, the report having reached Government on the 13th June 1898. Pressure of work in the Government Central Press caused, however, some delay in the printing of the report, and Government are aware of the difficulties explained by the Commissioner in the way of its earlier submission this year. It is also observed that the preparation of the statistics in the new forms prescribed by the Government of India in their Resolution (Home Department) No. $\frac{\text{I Police}}{325-34}$ of the 25th September 1896, which had to be furnished for the first time with the report for 1897, may to some extent have also contributed to the delay.

2. From Statement A, Parts I and III, and Statement B, Part I, attached to the report it appears that the total number of cognizable and non-cognizable cases dealt with during the year was 32,408 as against 48,556 in 1896. The following table compares the returns for the year under report with those of the previous year :—

	CASES.				PERSONS.			
	1896.	1897.	Increase.	Decrease.	1896.	1897.	Increase.	Decrease.
Cognizable cases ...	40,463	24,885	...	15,578	44,305	28,899	...	15,406
Non-cognizable cases.	8,093	7,523	...	570	4,208	8,692	4,484	...
Total ...	48,556	32,408	...	16,148	48,513	37,591	4,484	15,406

This table shows a very considerable decrease in the number of cognizable cases occurring, accompanied by a corresponding decrease in the number of persons dealt with; while under non-cognizable crime, though there was a slight decrease in the number of cases, the number of persons concerned rose by over 4,000. In Statement A, Part IV, the grand total of column 5 is shown by a misprint as 21,620 instead of 24,620.

3. As regards cognizable crime, it is observed that the number of more serious offences (Classes I to V) decreased from 4,266 in 1896 to 4,060 in the year under review. The decrease is noticeable mainly under Classes IV and V, *viz.*, in regard to minor offences against person and property, and is explained to be

probably due to the prevalence of plague operating to check complaints in such cases. There was a slight increase under Classes II and III. The rise in Class III falls almost entirely under the head of Lurking house-trespass and as last year is attributed by Mr. Vincent to the unprotected state of many houses, whose owners or occupiers fled from the city on account of plague. But the effect which this epidemic has had on the crime statistics of the year is even more strikingly shown in the case of the less serious offences classed as Miscellaneous and falling principally under the separate heads of Drunkenness, Cruelty to animals, and offences under the Public Land Conveyance and Police Acts. In this class there has been a total decrease of 15,484 cases, involving a decrease of 18,553 in the number of persons concerned, and this is ascribed by Mr. Vincent partly to the absence of persons from Bombay on account of the plague and partly to the excessive strain put on the Police force by extra plague duties which necessarily entailed some neglect of their ordinary and more legitimate work. In view of these circumstances Government agree with Mr. Vincent that the statistics showing an apparent diminution of such offences committed in Bombay City during the past year must be ascribed to purely transitory conditions and cannot be accepted as indicating any permanent reduction.

4. As the forms of statistics for the year under review are different from those hitherto used, an accurate comparison of the figures relating to the success of the Police in the matter of bringing to justice persons guilty of cognizable crime in 1897 with those of the previous year, is somewhat difficult. In 1896, 91·94 per cent. of the cases investigated by the Police and 98·26 per cent. of those sent up for trial ended in convictions. Including the 52 cases referred by Magistrates to the Police, of which only 1 ended in conviction, and excluding cases compounded, transferred or withdrawn, the corresponding percentages during the past year would appear to be 91·7 and 97 respectively. These figures show that the Police force has, in spite of the difficulties of the year, well maintained its standard of detective ability; but the low percentage of convictions obtained in cases referred by the Magistrates to the Police for investigation should have been explained. Property valued at Rs. 2,97,470 was reported to have been stolen in cognizable cases; and out of this, property worth Rs. 1,27,185 was recovered. The percentage of recoveries, 42·75, contrasts unfavourably with the figures for last year and with those for the quinquennial average, but may be accepted as satisfactory in view of the exceptional difficulties with which the Police had to contend during the past year. Of the Rs. 5,210 worth of property stolen in non-cognizable cases nothing was recovered.

5. Cases of murder or attempt to murder and culpable homicide not amounting to murder rose from 8 to 13; and of the 23 persons arrested for these crimes (including 2 who were under trial at the beginning of the year), 1 was found to have been arrested owing to a mistake, 16 were convicted, 1 died of plague, 2 were transferred, 1 was discharged or acquitted, and 2 were under trial at the close of the year. The number of inquests held by the Coroner was 415 against 468 in 1896, 84 deaths being attributed to suicide and 230 to accidental causes. 363 persons were injured and 19 killed in street accidents during the year as compared with 510 and 27 respectively in 1896. The decrease in these figures is mainly to be accounted for by the continued decline in the number of both public and private conveyances.

6. Under the Bertillon system of anthropometry, 1,262 persons are reported to have been measured in 1897 against 1,929 in the previous year. It is satisfactory, however, to note that 280 criminals were identified by means of this system as compared with 116 in 1896 and 20 in 1895.

7. The strength of the Police force remained the same as in the preceding year; and its conduct continued to be satisfactory, there being an increase in the number of officers and men who received rewards for good work and a decrease in the number of those who were departmentally punished.

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8. The Governor in Council has again to express his sincere regret in regard to the heavy loss sustained by the force in consequence of the high mortality of the year and with reference to the number of men that had from time to time to be treated in hospital. The marginal figures show the considerable increase which has occurred on that account during the last two years and which is of course to be attributed either directly or indirectly to the prevalence of plague. This disease was directly responsible for 103 attacks and 52 deaths, while indirectly it added considerably to the strain on the force rendering it abnormally severe. As in the preceding year the death-roll included two senior European officers of the force. In view of the trying circumstances in which the duties of all grades of officers and men had to be performed, and the increased calls on their energy and loyalty entailed in the general measures for combating the plague in Bombay, His Excellency in Council cordially recognises the very meritorious work and behaviour of the force as a whole during the past year, and notices with pleasure the commendation bestowed by Mr. Vincent on the satisfactory and zealous performance of their duties by Messrs. Crummy, Brewin, Sardár Mir Abdul Ali (Kbán Bahádur), Sweeney, McDermott, Ingram, Grennan, Nolan and the other officers mentioned by Mr. Vincent in paragraph 62 of his report. The services rendered by Mr. Brewin in connection with the investigation into the murder of Messrs. Rand and Ayerst in Poona have been separately acknowledged by Government. Mr. Vincent and Mr. Gell are themselves entitled to the commendation of Government for their administration of the Police during the year under review.

Year.	Number of deaths.	Number of men treated in Hospital.
1895 ...	32	2,673
1896 ...	50	2,953
1897 ...	82	3,080

9. Copies of the report and of this Resolution should be forwarded to the Government of India and the Secretary of State.

(Signed) C. G. H. FAWCETT,
Under Secretary to Government.

To

The Commissioner of Police, Bombay,
The Chief Presidency Magistrate, Bombay,
The Municipal Commissioner for the City of Bombay,
The Compiler of the General Administration Report,
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The Government of India,
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